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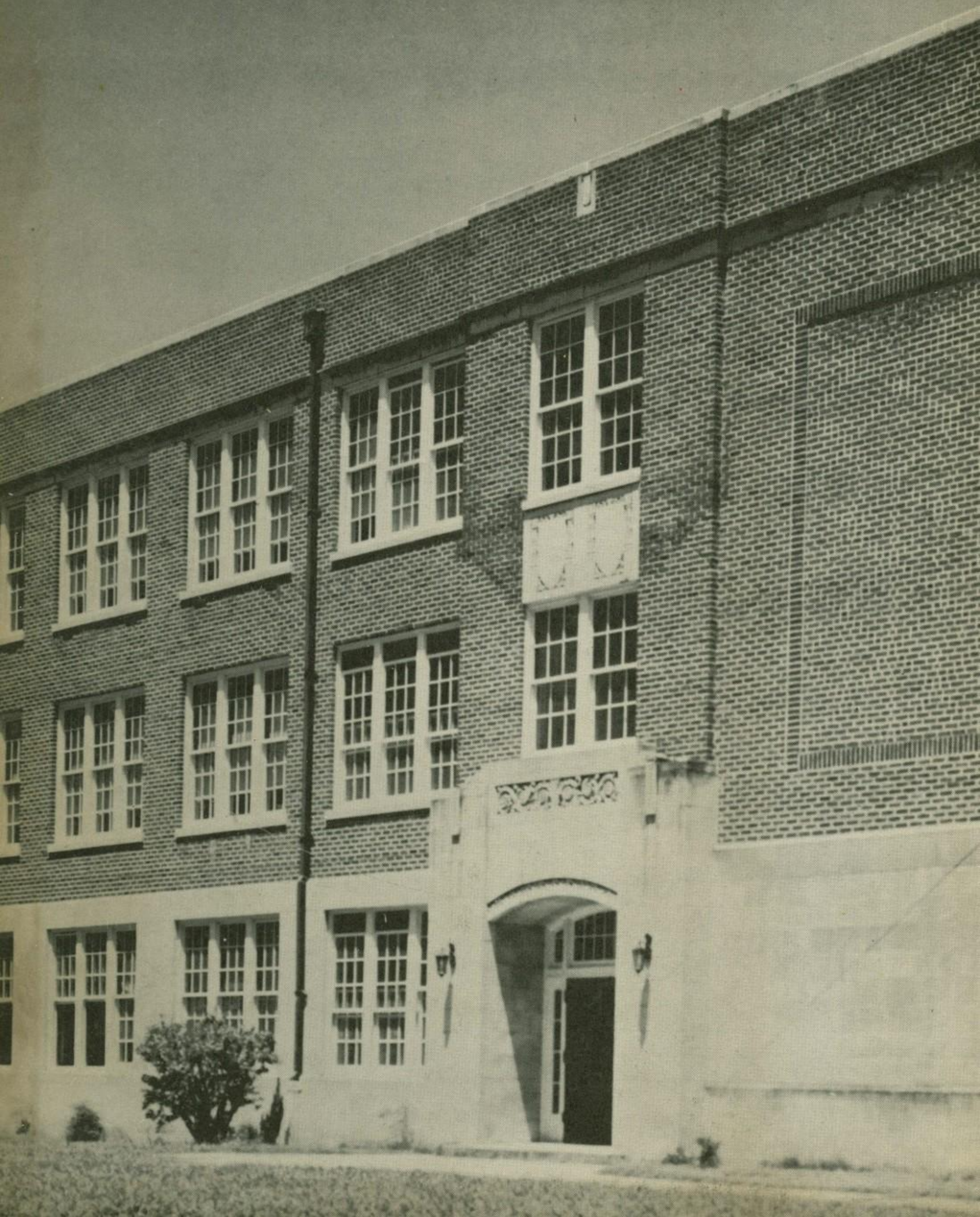
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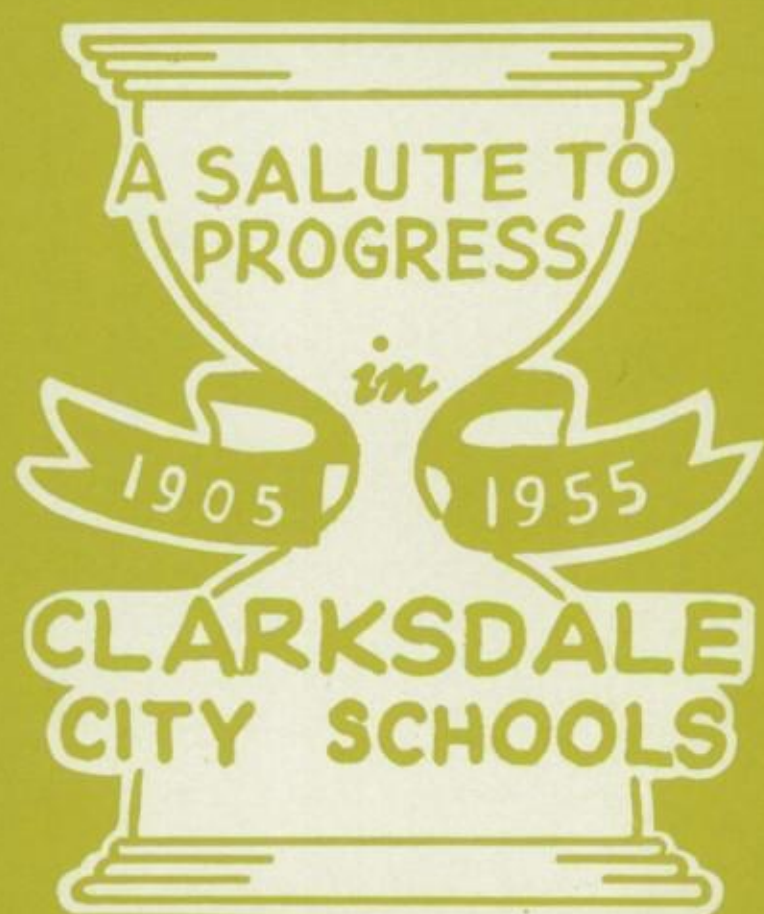




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Clarksdale, Mississippi

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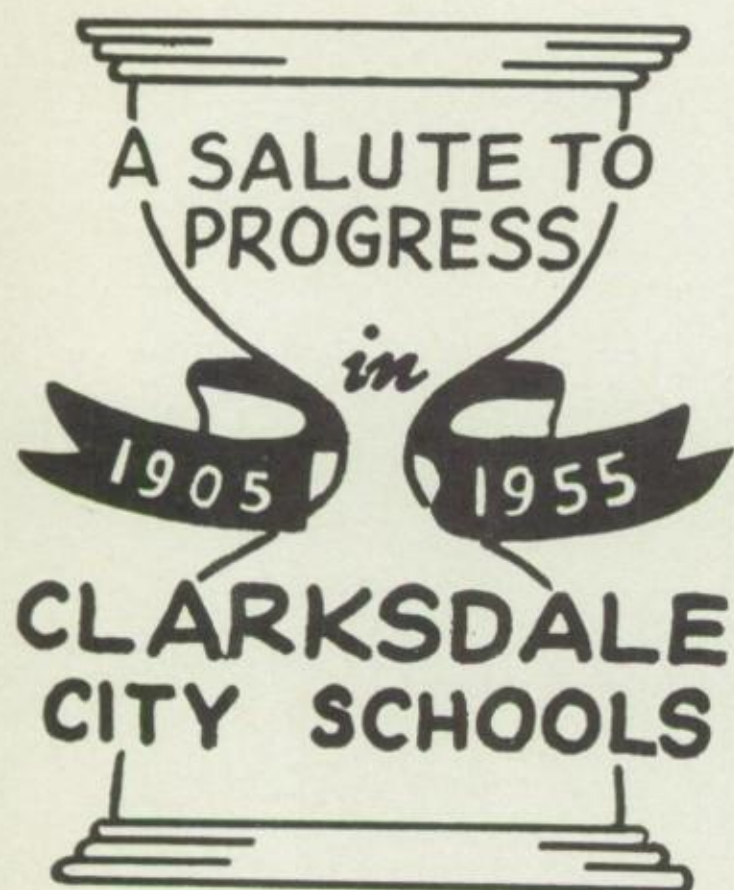
*On the city's western border
Reared against the sky
Proudly stands our Alma Mater
As the years go by!
Forward ever be our watchword . . .*

Truly, "Forward" has ever been our watchword! Our Alma Mater as we know it today is the culmination of the efforts and the contributions, the visions and the aspirations, of those who have entered its doors as students and teachers.

Many have come and gone, but one has given a half-century of service and leadership to the Clarksdale City Schools—Mr. Harvey Brown Heidelberg. Coming to Clarksdale as superintendent in 1905, Mr. Heidelberg began his career with three teachers and 65 students in a small frame building next to the site of the present Episcopal Church. Steady, well-planned growth throughout the years has resulted in a faculty of one hundred, an enrollment of 2,210, and buildings and furnishings valued at approximately \$1,841,620, including the buildings now under construction.

In commemoration of Mr. Heidelberg's fiftieth year as superintendent, we, the Senior Class of 1955, proudly present the sixth edition of THE CLARKSDALE WILDCAT—A SALUTE to FIFTY YEARS of PROGRESS in the CLARKSDALE CITY SCHOOLS. Within its pages, we have not attempted to present a mere historical record. Rather, we have sought to portray the spirit, ideals, activities, and traditions of C.H.S. as it is today—the result of a half-century of progress.

Dedication



H.B. HEIDELBERG
*President of Southern Association of Colleges
and Secondary Schools
1934-1935*

Mr. Heidelberg is acclaimed throughout the state of Mississippi and the South as a great educator! President of the Mississippi Educational Association in 1918-1919 . . . President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in 1934-1935 . . . these titles bespeak his leadership and service to public education.

In the city of Clarksdale stands a living monument to Mr. Heidelberg — the Clarksdale City Schools! Into the building of this monument has gone a half-century of unselfish and consecrated devotion to the task of providing better educational opportunities for the boys and girls of Clarksdale.

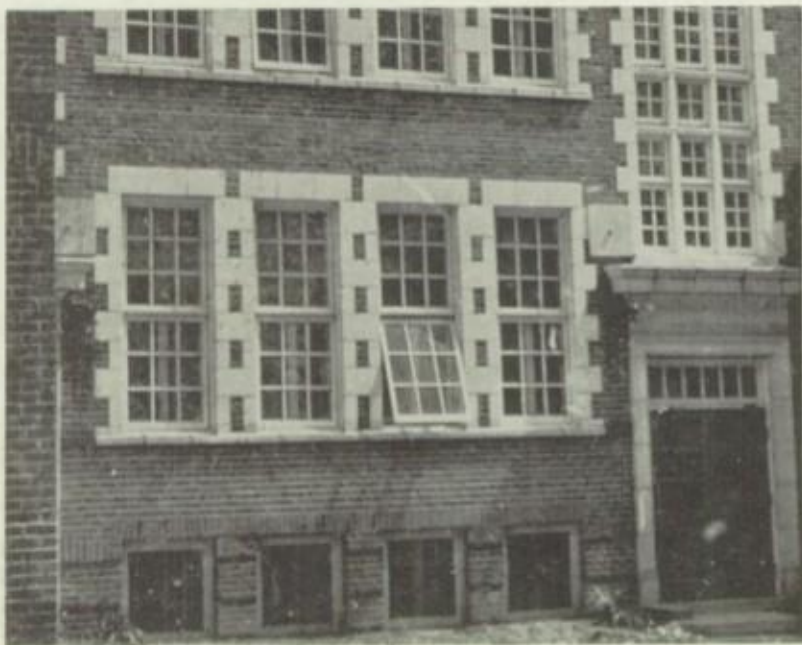
On behalf of the thousands who have gone before us and those who will come after us, we gratefully dedicate THE CLARKSDALE WILDCAT of 1955 to

MR. H. B. HEIDELBERG
*Superintendent of the Clarksdale City Schools
1905-1955*

Buildings



The Oakhurst School, opened in 1909, represented the most modern of school buildings in its day and became the nucleus of the present school system.



Eliza Clark



Oakhurst Annex

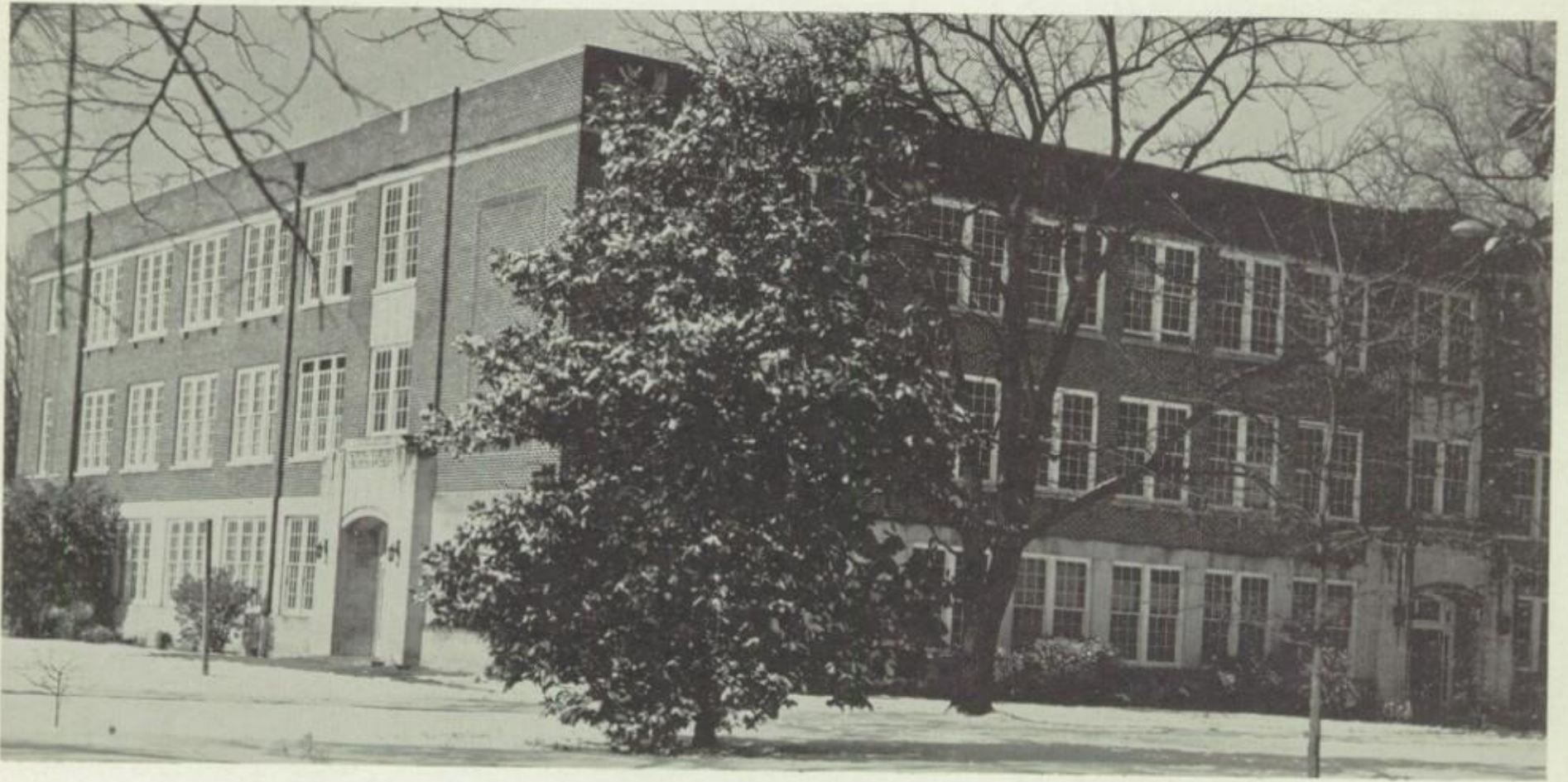
Within a few years the school had outgrown the Oakhurst building, and in 1916 two new buildings were added: Eliza Clark, an elementary school, and Oakhurst Annex, providing space for science laboratories, bookkeeping classes, and manual training and home economics departments.

Elizabeth Dorr

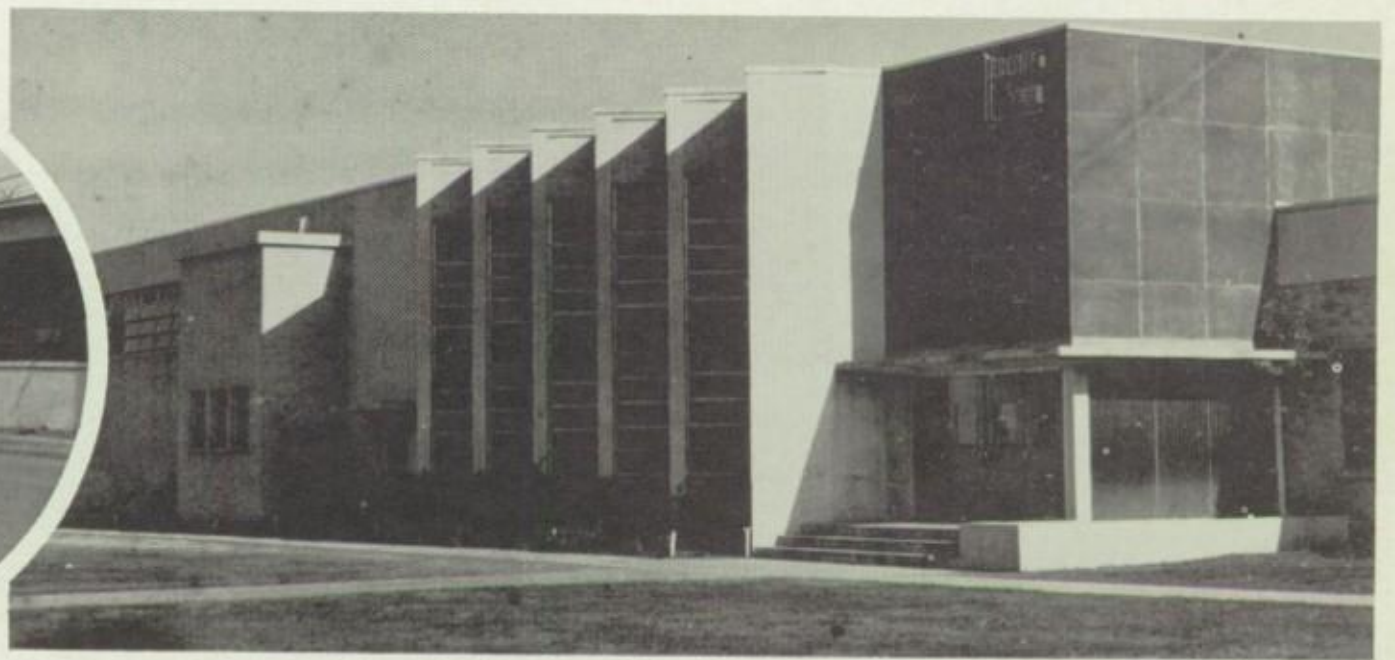


Completed in 1919, the \$100,000 Elizabeth Dorr building, used for junior and senior high school classes, was declared the most modern and best equipped in the state.

The Bobo High School building, with arcade leading to the Elizabeth Dorr, was constructed in 1929-1930 at an approximate cost of \$225,000.



Industrial Arts



Heidelberg Elementary School

In 1948-1949 the Industrial Arts building for classes in mechanical drawing, general shop, and mechanical and metal trades shop was erected on the Sunflower River Bank.

The ultra-modern Heidelberg Elementary School was completed in 1951 and dedicated to Mr. H. B. Heidelberg on March 7, 1952.



Still growing! Replacements for Oakhurst and Eliza Clark schools will be ready for use in 1955-1956, and meanwhile work on a new elementary school in the west area of the city will have begun.



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Seniors



Graduates of C.H.S. face the future prepared for the field of their choice . . . higher education, some jobs and trades, or homemaking.



Senior Class Officers

President
NEAL GRANTHAM

Treasurer
VIRGINIA BLACKBURN

Corresponding Secretary
PEGGY BORNMAN

Vice President
GEORGE FALLS

Reporter
HELEN HUNTER

Recording Secretary
PATSY BINDER



One step at a time, but always forward!

Flower

Yellow chrysanthemum

Sponsors

MRS. JULIA CORSO
MRS. DIANE PEARSON
MRS. RUTH McCAIN
MRS. ANNIE SEE SPARKS

Colors

Gold and white



In some measure, growth in the size of graduating classes has been an indication of the growth of our school. The Class of 1908, the first graduation class from C.H.S., had five members; the Class of 1919, the first to graduate in the Elizabeth Dorr building, included eleven members; the Class of 1955, the largest in the history of our school, numbers 107.



Seniors

BOBBY AIKEN

The tree of knowledge in your garden grows.
Softball 3.

GLEND A FAYE ABRAHAM

I would help others out of a fellow-feeling.
Footlighters 1; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Play-
makers 1, 2, 3, Reporter 4; Badminton 2, 3;
Red Cross Council 2; Debate Club 4; Bas-
ketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4.



GEORGE ROY ANDREWS

All men of action dream.

Footlighters 1; Football Manager 1, 2, 3, 4;
Basketball Manager 2; Boys' State 3; Track
Manager 3, 4.

EDWIN M. ANTICI

*A good man makes no noise over a good
deed, but passes on to another.*

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3; Intramural
Basketball 1, 2, 4; Intramural Softball 3;
"C" Club 4.



CAROLYN ATKINSON

Laughter and love of friends . . .

Footlighters 1; Piano 1, 2; Latin Club 1,
2, 3; Glee Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary; Basket-
ball Manager 3, 4; Library Club 4; WILD-
CAT Staff 4; Cheerleader 4.

LILLIAN AUST

*Popularity is a virtue if men have it,
whether they will or not.*

Library Club 1, 2, 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Bas-
ketball 1, 3, 4; Volleyball 3, Captain 4;
Softball 3; Wildcat Board 2; A Cappella
Choir 4, Secretary; Homecoming Court 1,
2, 4, Maid of Honor; Cheerleader 4; WILD-
CAT Staff 4.



Class of 1955

JO ANN AVENT

What is true, simple, and sincere is most congenial to nature.

Footlighters 1; Playmakers 2, 3.

BOYCE BAILEY

That man lives happy and in command of himself who from day to day can say, "I have lived."

Football 1.



LESLYE BALTZER

And in her mind the wisest books . . .

Footlighters 1, President; Latin Club 1, 2, Corresponding Secretary; Presidents' Council 1, 3; Playmakers 2, 3, President 4; Red Cross Council 3, 4, Vice President; Piano 1, 2, 3, 4; Art 1; Girls' State 3; WILDCAT Staff 4.

MARILYN DORIS BINDER

Her ways are ways of pleasantness.

Footlighters 1; Volleyball 1; Glee Club 1, 2; Playmakers 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 4; GAA 1, 2; Art 3; FHA 1, 2, 4.

CHARLIE FAYE BLACK

Her eyes as stars of twilight fair . . .

Glee Club 3, 4.

Transfer from Ethel, Miss.

PATSY BINDER

The way to have a friend is to be one.

Secretary 1; Footlighters 1; Softball 1; Basketball 1, 2, Manager 3; GAA 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer; Library Club 2, 3, Reporter; Latin Club 2; Playmakers 3, 4, Secretary; Girls' State 3; Recording Secretary 4; Office Assistant 4; WILDCAT Staff 4.



Seniors

HUGH BOLTON

Yea, he did fly on the wings of the wind.
Transfer from Greenville, Miss.

VIRGINIA BLACKBURN

My heart is ever at your service.

Footlighters 1; Basketball 1; GAA 1, 2;
Latin Club 1, 2; Library Club 2; Play-
makers 2, 3, Secretary 4, Vice President;
Girls' State Alternate 3; SPOTLIGHT Typist
4; WILDCAT Staff 4; Treasurer 4.



PEGGY BORNMAN

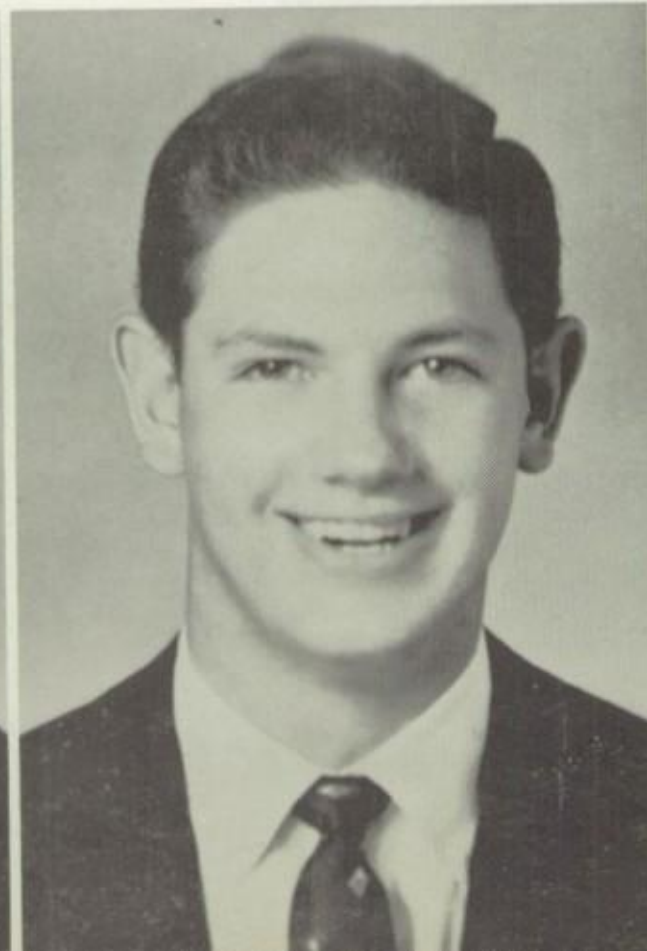
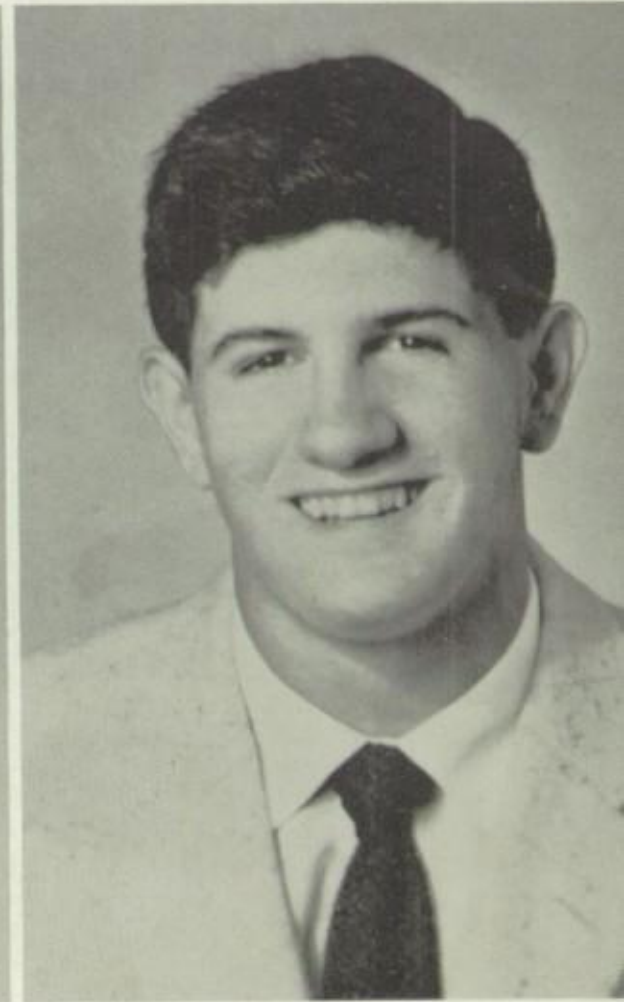
*. . . for she is as sweet and musical as
bright Apollo's flute.*

Footlighters 1; Playmakers 2; Latin Club 1,
2; Glee Club 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3,
Accompanist 4, Vice President; Piano 1, 2,
3, 4; Ensemble 3, 4; Mixed Quartet, Ac-
companied 3.

JAMES VINCENT BROCATO

*We grant although he had much wit,
He was very shy of using it.*

Football 2, 4; Basketball 3, 4; "C" Club 4.



JENNIE RUTH BUHL

Honor is the reward of virtue.

A Cappella Choir 4; Red Cross Council 4;
WILDCAT Staff 4; Transfer from Decatur,
Georgia.

MARTIN LOMBARD BURNS

*A little nonsense now and then, is relished
by the wisest men.*

Football 1; Red Cross Council 2; Library
Club 2; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; In-
tramural Softball 3.

Class of 1955

BILLY ROSS BUTLER

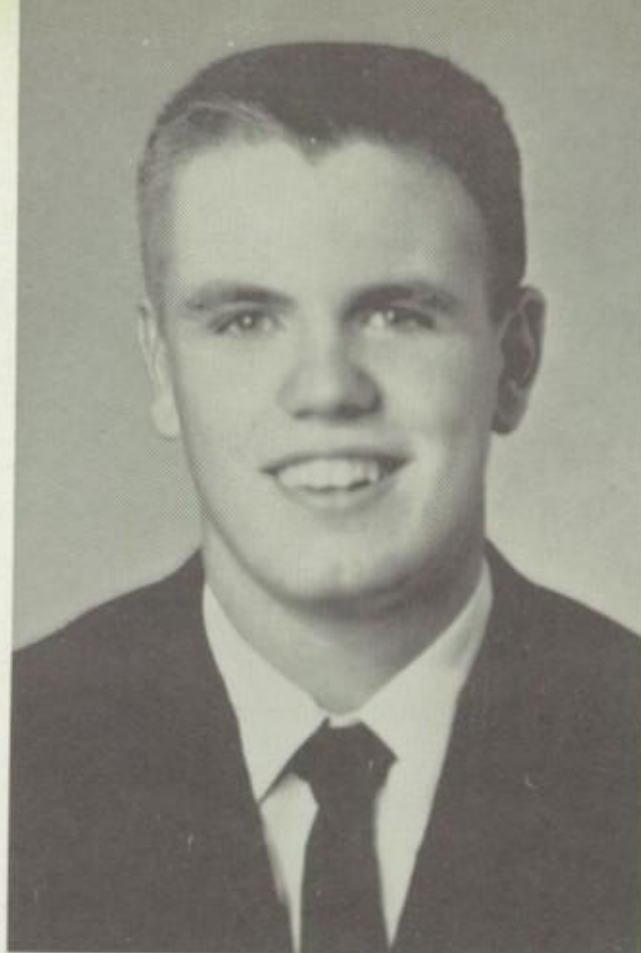
To be great is not to stir without great argument.

Football 3, 4; Wildcat Board 3; Track 3, 4; "C" Club 4.

BRADLEY CALLICOTT

Care's an enemy to life.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Presidents' Council 2, 3; Track 3; "C" Club 4; Intramural Basketball 4.



CHRIS CARRUTH

Play up, play up! And play the game!

Football 1, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Tennis 2, 3, 4; "C" Club 2, 3, 4; Baseball 4.

NANCY SHELL CARTLEDGE

Ever charming, ever new . . .

Footlighters 1; Latin Club 1, 2; Playmakers 2, 3; Softball 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4, Captain; Glee Club 2, 3; A Cappella Choir 4; WILDCAT Staff 4; Library Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary.

ELIOT DAVID COHEN

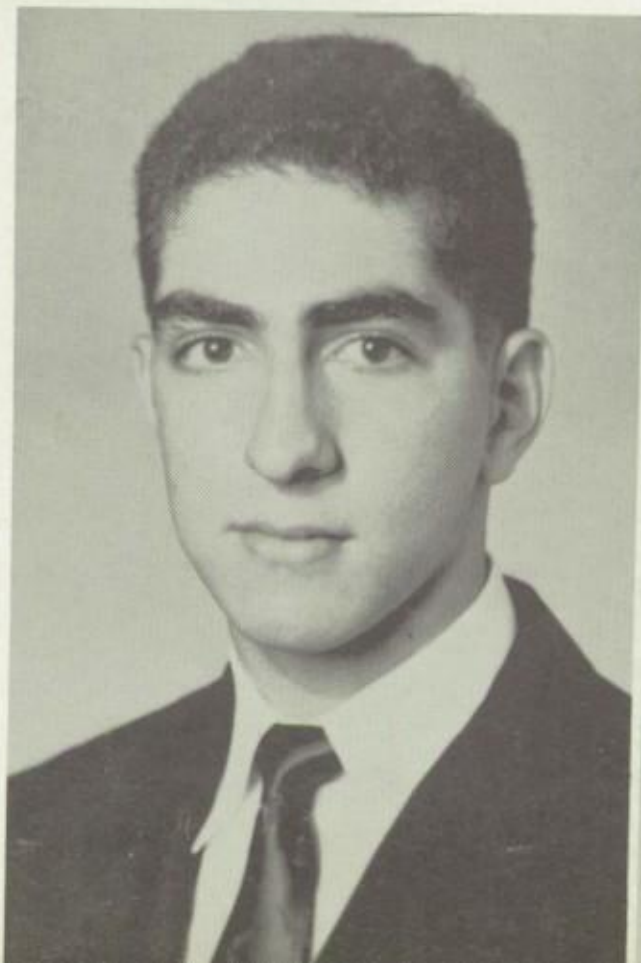
I am not only witty in myself, but the cause of that wit is in other men.

Football 1, 3; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

BETTY JEAN CAUTHEN

Conversation is a game of circles.

Softball 1, Varsity; FHA 1; Library Club 1, 2; Wildcat Board 2; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Playmakers 3; Red Cross Council 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; WILDCAT Staff 4; Majorette 4.



Seniors

CLARA COLLINS

This lass so neat, with smile so sweet . . .
Y-Teens 3; Student Typist 4; Transfer from Vance, Miss.

ANNE COKER

All life needs for life is possible to will.
Footlighters 1, Secretary; Art 1, 2; Library Club 1, 2; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Playmakers 2, 3, Secretary 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Girls' State 3; Red Cross 3, 4, Secretary; SPOTLIGHT Staff 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.



DARLYN COOKE

Marriage is destiny, made in heaven.

A Cappella Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Piano 1, 2, 3, 4.

ELIZABETH ANN CORLEY

She is wise as she is fair . . .

FHA 2; Band 3, 4, Majorette; Band Court 3; Transfer from Rolling Fork, Mississippi.



TOMMY COURY

Happy am I; from care I'm free! Why aren't they all contented like me?

GLADYS LEE COX

I love men, not because they are men, but because they are not women.

Footlighters 1; Latin Club 2; Playmakers 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President; Girls' Ensemble 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 4, Captain; Football Sponsor 4.

Class of 1955

JIMMY CROW

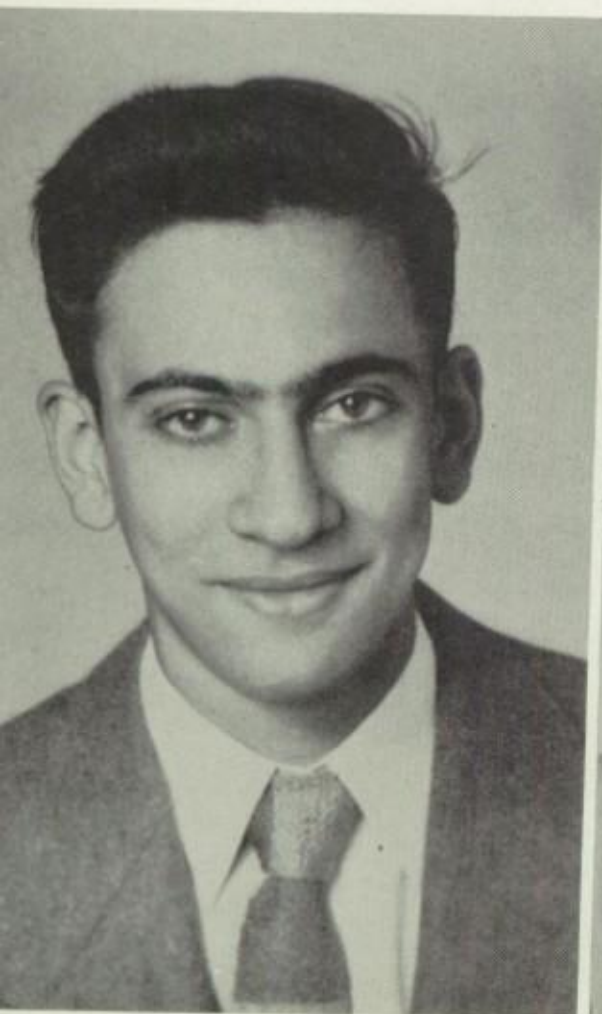
Handsome is as handsome does.

Band 1; Football 1, 2, 3; Basketball 2;
Track 3; Art 2, 3; WILDCAT Staff 4.

EVA CATHERINE CRISS

Either of virtue or mischief . . .

Footlighters 1; Latin Club 1; Glee Club 2;
Art 2, 3; Red Cross Council 2, 3; Wittiest
Junior; Playmakers 3, Vice President 4,
President; Debate Club 4; WILDCAT Staff
4; Presidents' Council 4.



GEORGE PATRICK DAVIS

More in woods than books . . .

NORMA FRANCES EASLEY

Thy modesty's a candle to thy merit.

Footlighters 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Volley-
ball 1, 2; FHA 1, 2; Cafeteria 2, 3; Office
Assistant 4; SPOTLIGHT Typist 4.

GLORIA ELLIS

Thy voice is a celestial melody.

A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4;
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Ensemble 3, 4.

GEORGE FALLS, JR.

Like lightning on he goes!

Presidents' Council 1; Art 1, 2, 3, 4; Bas-
ketball 1; Wildcat Board 1, 4, Co-Chairman;
Football Manager 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural
Basketball 2; Vice President 2, 3, 4; Bas-
ketball Manager 3, 4; Baseball Manager 3,
4; Boys' State 3; WILDCAT Staff 4; Audio-
Visual Assistant 4; "C" Club 4.



Seniors

BOBBY FULGHAM

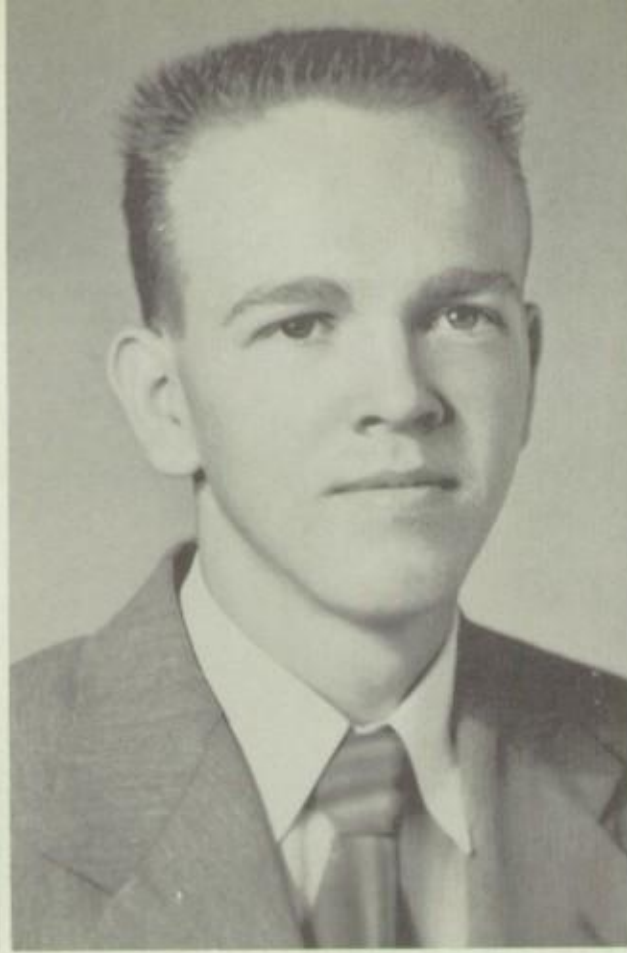
Men of few words are the best men after all.

Transfer from Drew, Mississippi.

JAMES EDWARD FOY

I'm filled with music.

Basketball 1; Intramural Basketball 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; A Cappella Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Lions All-State Band 2, 3; Dixielanders 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Ensemble 3; Male Quartet 4.



SHIRLEY ROBERTA FUNK

She with all the charm of woman . . .

A Cappella Choir 1, 3; Band 2; Glee Club 2, 4.

MILDRED JEAN FURINI

'Tis a credit to any girl to be neat.

Footlighters 1; Playmakers 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain, Varsity; Softball 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, Secretary; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer; SPOTLIGHT Typist 4; Volleyball 1, 3, Captain 4, Varsity.



JO ANN FURNISS

The spirit indeed is willing . . .

Footlighters 1; Playmakers 2, 3; Library Club 3; Glee Club 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3; Ping-Pong 2; FHA 4.

RAYMOND GARDINA

In sweet music is such art . . .

Footlighters 1; Band 1; Piano 1, 2, 3; A Cappella Choir 4.

Class of 1955

JOAN GARDNER

She was good as she was fair.

Footlighters 1; Playmakers 2, 3, 4.

PEGGY GARDNER

So wondrous, sweet, and fair . . .

Footlighters 1; Playmakers 1, 2, 3, Treasurer 4.



JOE GHO

A little learning is a dangerous thing.

Football 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 4; "C" Club 4.

GLORIA SUE GILBERT

Strong in will

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield . . .

FRED GRAHAM

Everyone is the son of his own works.

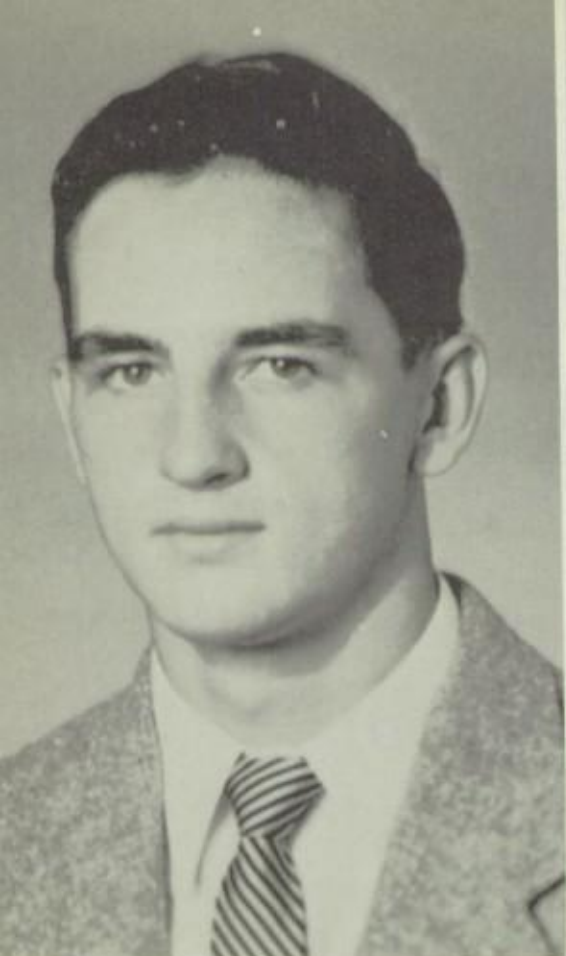
Football 1, 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 3, 4; "C" Club 4.

BOBBY GOSS

*My only books were a woman's looks,
And folly's all they've taught me.*

Football 4; Transfer from Jonestown, Mississippi.





Seniors

NEAL GRANTHAM

Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.

Intramural Basketball 2; President 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' State 3; Basketball 1, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Wildcat Board 1, 2, 3, 4, President; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Alternate Captain; Debate Club 4; Presidents' Council 1, 2, 3, Treasurer 4, President.

GLORIA GRANBERRY

Life is delight; away, dull care!

Glee Club 1, 2; Playmakers 2, 3; Office Assistant 4; Latin Club 3, 4.

NANCY MARY GRATTAFIORI

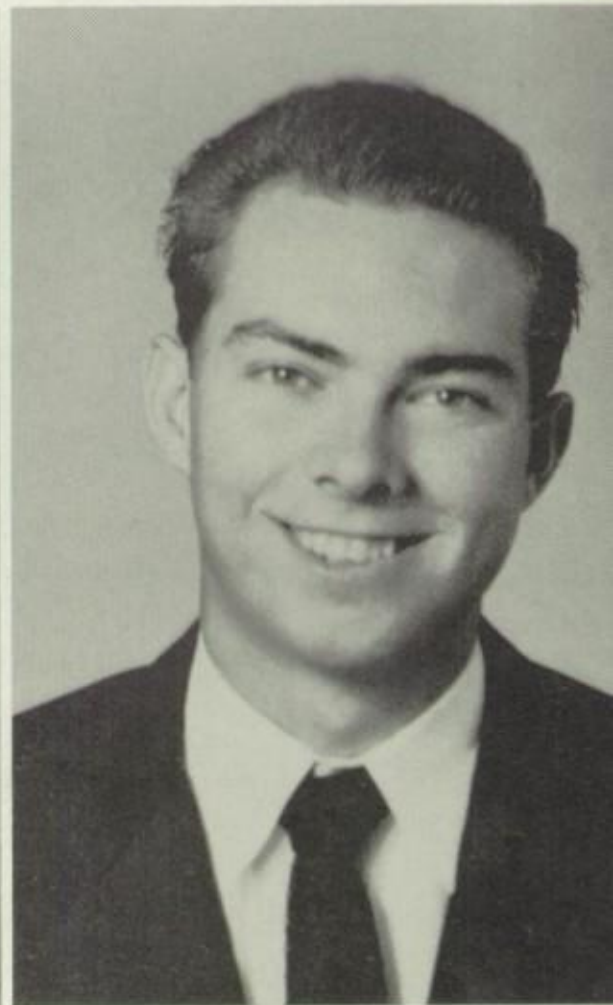
*Pretty, charming, awfully nice;
The kind of girl you look at twice.*

Footlighters 1; Glee Club 1; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President; FHA 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain, Varsity; Softball 1, 2, Varsity 3, Varsity Captain; Volleyball 2, 3, 4; Presidents' Council 4.

HOMER S. GREENE

Ask me no questions, and I'll tell you no fibs.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, President; Presidents' Council 4.



RONALD D. GREGG

A moral, sensible, and well-bred man . . .

Art 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 3, 4; Intramural Softball 2; Intramural Basketball 2; Boys' State 3; Track 3, 4; Baseball 4; "C" Club 4; WILDCAT Staff 3, 4; Wildcat Board 4.

KENNETH M. HAWES

A hundred shots, a hundred hits . . .

Basketball 3, 4.

Class of 1955

HOLCOMB HECTOR

A leader of men and a follower of women . . .

Library Club 1; Intramural Basketball 3, 4;
Wildcat Board 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 4;
"C" Club 4.

EULA CHRISTINE HOLLOWAY

*Golden hair, like sunset streaming on the
marble of her shoulders . . .*

Latin Club 1, 2; Library Club 2; SPOT-
LIGHT Staff 3, 4; WILDCAT Staff 4;
FHA 4, Reporter; 4-H Club 4, Reporter.



MARTHA JO HENDON

A tender heart; a will inflexible . . .

Basketball 1; Library Club 1; Glee Club
1, 2; Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, Vice President 4.

HELEN HUNTER

*For she is wise if I can judge her, and
fair she is if mine eyes be true.*

Footlighters 1; Library Club 1; Latin Club
1, 2, Reporter 1, 3, 4; Playmakers 2; SPOT-
LIGHT Staff 2, 3, 4, Editor; WILDCAT
Staff 2, 3, 4; PTA Citizenship Award 2, 3;
Tennis 3; Girls' State 3; Presidents' Coun-
cil 4; Cheerleader 4.

EARLENE IKERD

*A soul so full of summer warmth, so glad,
So healthy, sound, and clear, and whole.*

Volleyball 1; FHA 1, 2; Typist 4; GAA 3.

CAMILLE JENKINS

She looks as clear

As morning roses, newly wash'd in dew.

Basketball 1; Wildcat Board 1; FHA 1, 2;
Homecoming Court 2; Playmakers 3; Office
Assistant 3; Library Club 1, 4.



Seniors

PATRICIA JOHNSON

None but herself can be her parallel.

Glee Club 1; Y-Teens 1, 2, President 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, President; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 2, 3, Captain 4; Presidents' Council 3, 4; Softball 2, 4.

SARAH KING

Most generous, and free from all contriving . . .

Art 2; SPOTLIGHT Staff 4.



SUSAN KLINE

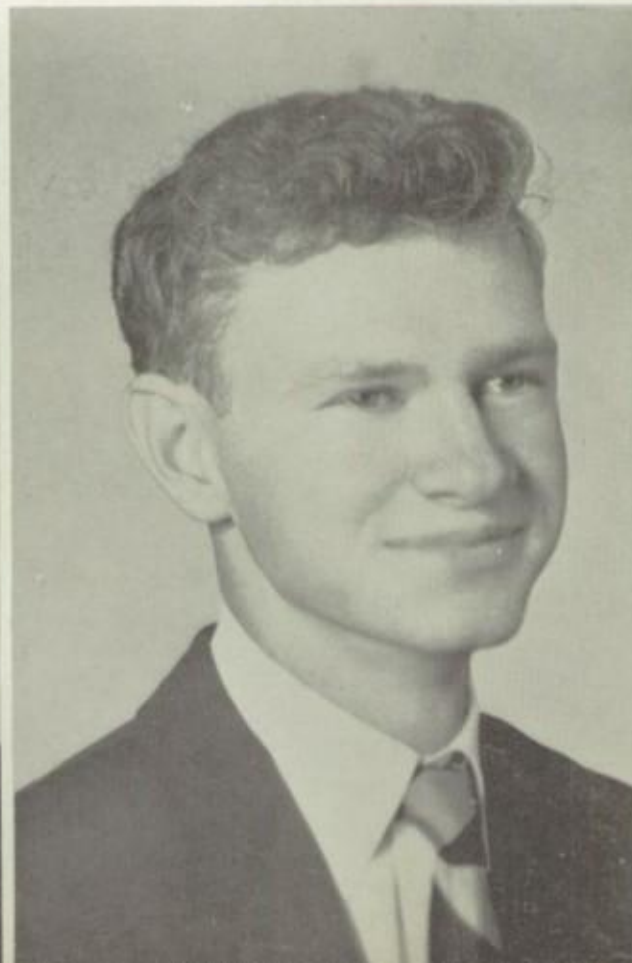
Methinks there is much reason in her sayings.

Footlighters 1; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Playmakers 2, 3, 4; Art 4; Red Cross 4; Debate Club 4.

LOIS LEE

Those who know her best praise her most.

Footlighters 1; Band 1, 2, 3, Majorette 4; FHA 1, 4; Orchestra 3, 4.



EVA CHRISTINE LILLARD

She's all that's honest, honorable, and fair.

Footlighters 1; Glee Club 1, 2; Softball 2; Sherard Award 3; Library Club, Typist 4.

GEORGE LOONEY, JR.

He doth, indeed, show some sparks that are like wit.

Class of 1955

ROLAND MADDOX

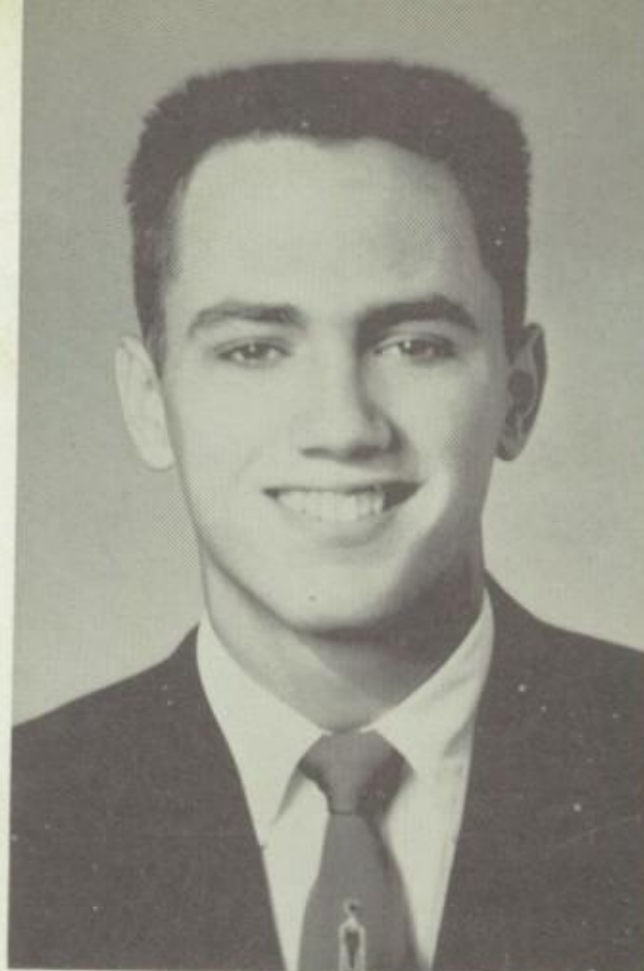
His virtues were his arts.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2; Basketball 3, 4; Track 3, 4; "C" Club 3, Secretary-Treasurer 4; WILDCAT Staff 4; Presidents' Council 4.

LAWRENCE MAYNARD MAGDOVITZ

I am Sir Oracle, and when I open my lips let no dog bark.

Intramural Baseball 1; Footlighters 1; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 2, 3, 4, Vice President; Boys' State 4; Debate Club 4; Playmakers 4.



STELLA MARTIN

The all-seeing sun ne'er saw her match since first the world begun.

Footlighters 1; Red Cross Council 1, Secretary; SPOTLIGHT Staff 1, 4; Presidents' Council 1, 4, Parliamentarian; WILDCAT Staff 1, 4, Associate Editor, Japan 2, 3.

SALLY MASSEY

We are all born for love.

Footlighters 1; Playmakers 2, 3, Vice President; Glee Club 2; Basketball Manager 4.

DOUGLAS McCLAIN

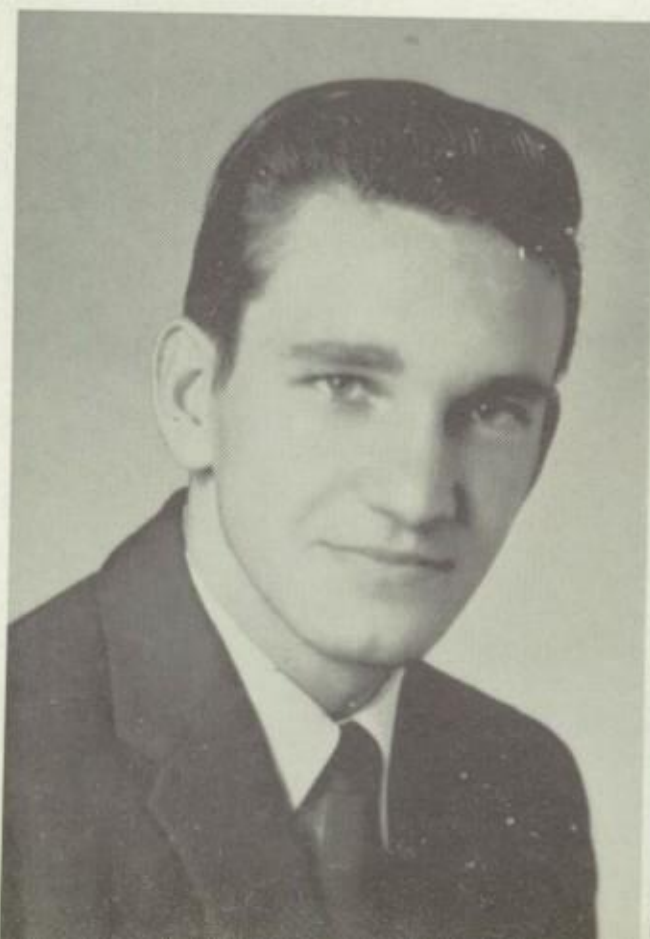
Deeds not words . . .

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 3, 4; Tennis 3, 4.

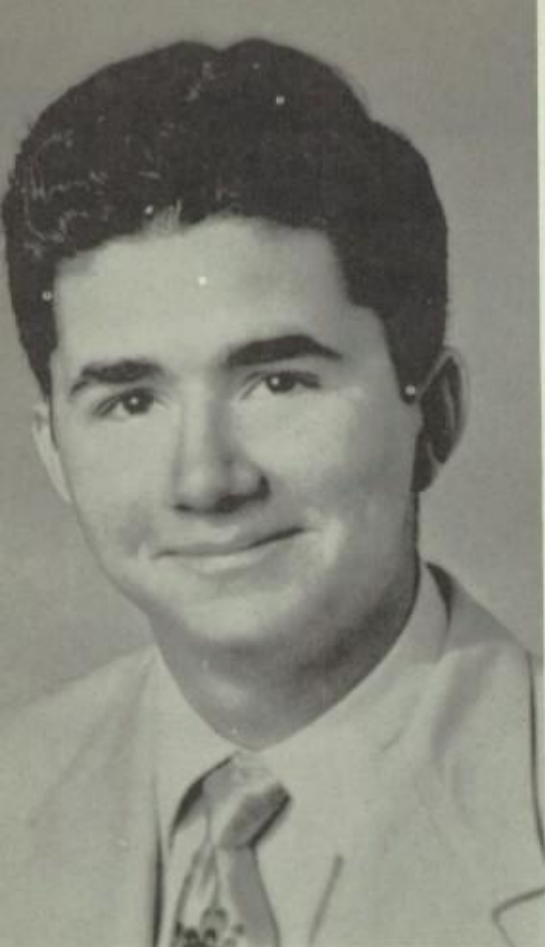
SHIRLEY MEEK

*How all her care was but to be fair,
And all her task to be sweet.*

Glee Club 4; Transfer from Jonestown, Miss.



Seniors



ANDY G. MILLER, JR.

Deep sighted in intelligences, ideas, atoms, influences . . .

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' State 3; A Cappella Choir 4.

JEAN MILLER

All that the morning star scattered . . .

Basketball 1; Footlighters 1; GAA 1; Playmakers 3; WILDCAT Staff 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Library Club 1, 2, 4.

BOBBY G. MOONEYHAN

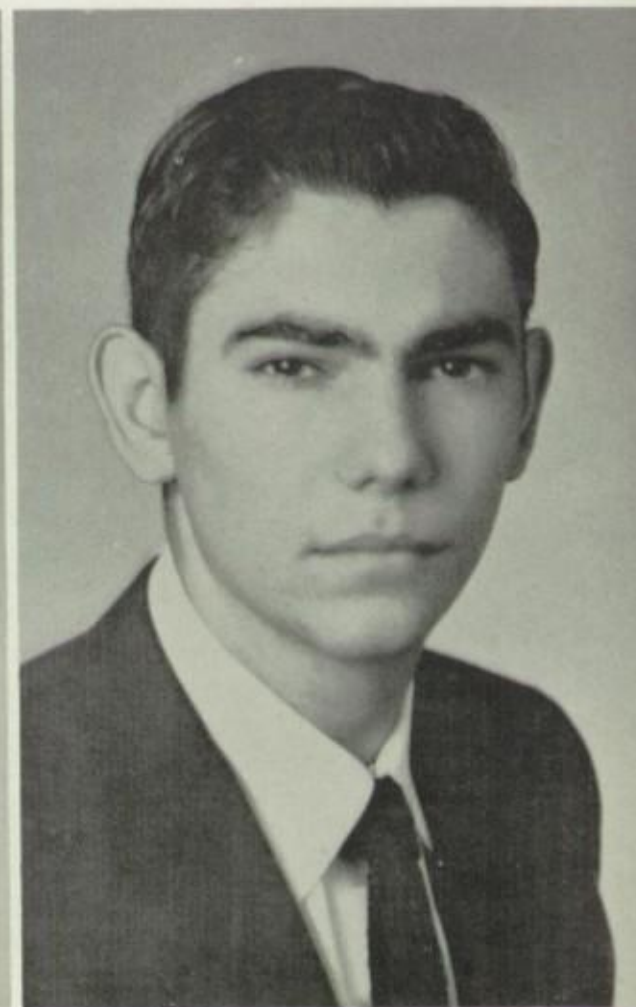
*Be merry, and employ your chiefest thoughts
To courtship and such fair ostents of love.*

Transfer from Jonestown, Miss.

DON LEE MORRIS

*Vivacity and wit make a man shine in
company.*

Basketball 3, 4; Tennis 4; Track 4.



LOUISE NELSON

Her hopes and friends are numberless.

Footlighters 1; Latin Club 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, Manager 3, 4, Captain; Library Club 2; Tennis 3; Playmakers 2, 3; GAA 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Presidents' Council 3, 4; Homecoming 1, 3, Maid 4, Queen; Wildcat Board 3, 4; WILDCAT Staff 4.

NORVELL OGDEN

An affable and courteous gentleman . . .

Class of 1955

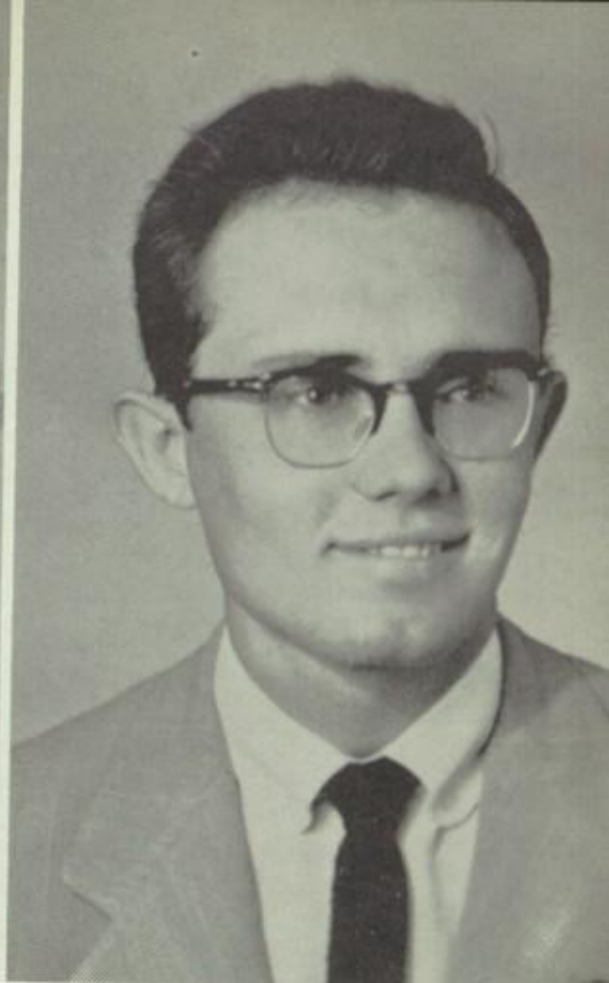
BILLIE PUCKETT

*Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.*

Y-Teens 1; Volleyball 1; Basketball 1, 2;
Latin Club 1, 2; GAA 2, 3, 4; SPOTLIGHT
Staff 2, 3, 4; Basketball Manager 3; Art
3, 4; FHA 4.

BOBBY LOYD OVERBY

Actions speak louder than words.



BEN B. RADER, JR.

... a diplomatist, too, well skilled in debate.
Latin Club 2; Red Cross Council 3; WILD-
CAT Staff 3, 4; SPOTLIGHT Staff 4; De-
bate Club 4, Vice President.

SHERI RICHARD

Oh! to dance all night, and dress all day!
Footlighters 1; Library Club 1; Basketball
1, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; GAA 1, 2; Play-
makers 2, 3; A Cappella Choir 4; Ma-
jorette 4.

WANDA ROBINSON

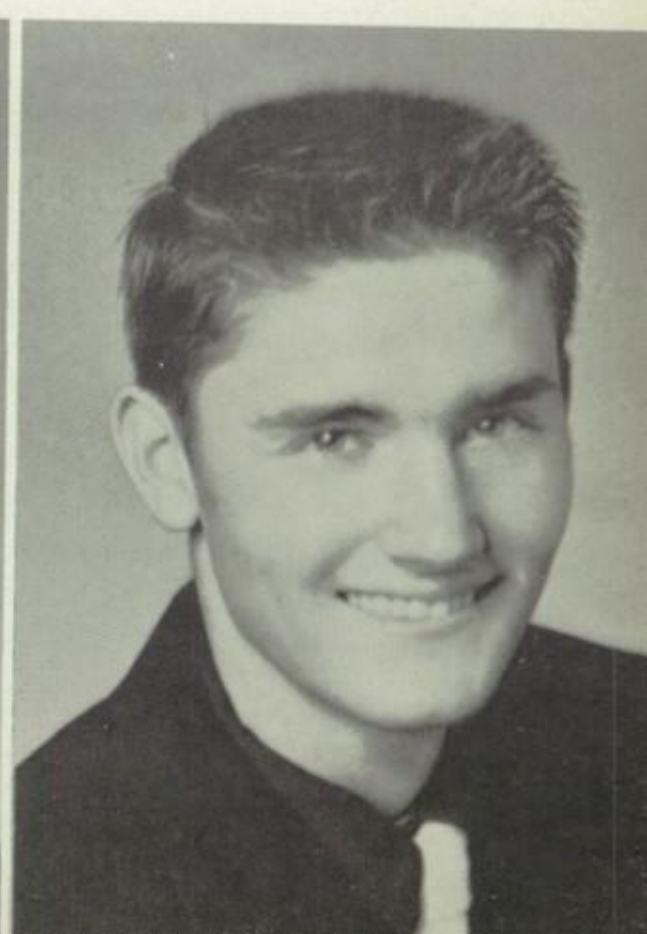
Speech is great, but silence is greater.

Y-Teens 4; Transfer from Shelby, Mis-
sissippi.

HERMAN ROBINSON

*Live, laugh, and be merry, for there'll be
a time when you can't.*

Football 1, 3; Intramural Softball 2, 3;
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 4; Track 4;
"C" Club 4.



Seniors

MILDRED HELON RODGERS

The tincture of a skin that I admire . . .
Footlighters 1; Latin Club 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Playmakers 2, 3, 4, Treasurer; WILDCAT Typist 4; Office Assistant 4.

NETTIE YVONNE ROY

I am not made of so slight elements.
Band 1, 2, 3, Majorette 4; Band Queen Maid 1, 2; Piano 1; A Cappella Choir 3; Orchestra 3, 4, Accompanist; Trumpet Trio Accompanist 3; All-State Orchestra Clinic 3, 4; FHA 1, 4.

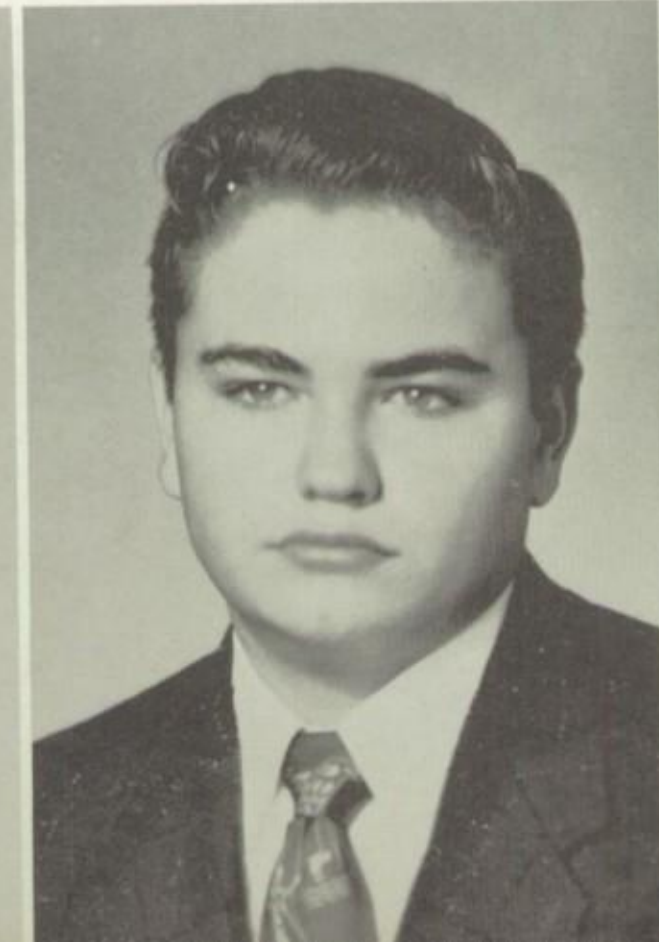
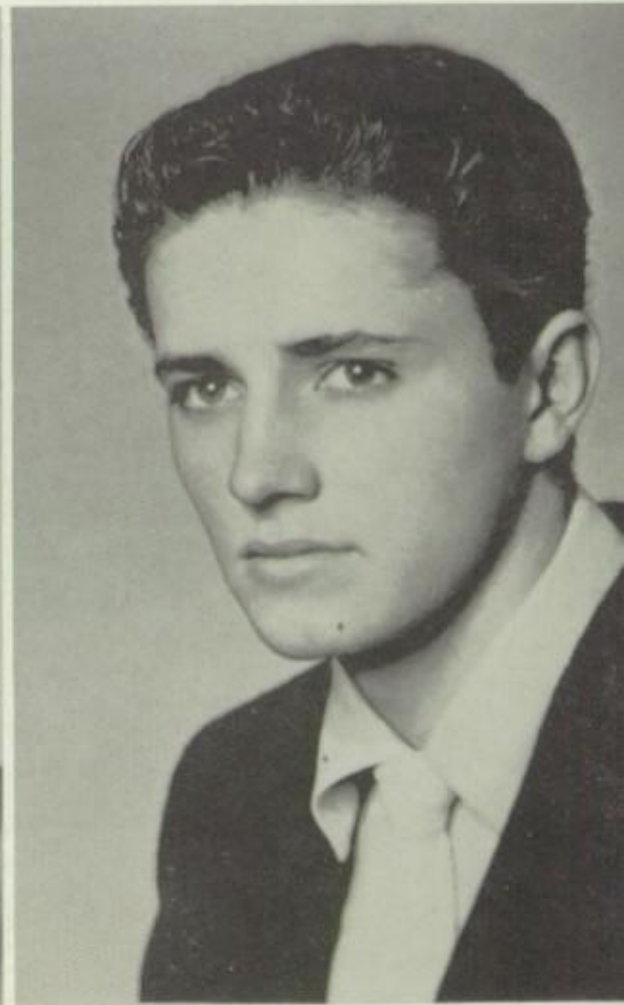
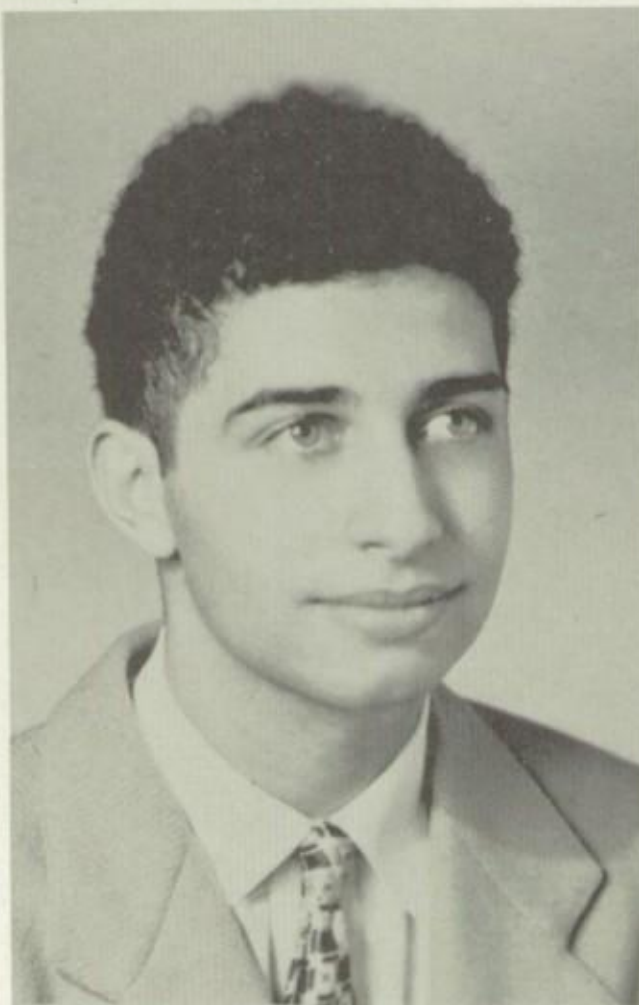


EDWARD ELLIS SAMAHA, JR.

*Knowledge is proud that he has learn'd so much;
Wisdom is humble that he knows no more.*
Footlighters 1; Piano 1; Latin Club 1, 2; Wildcat Board 2; Red Cross Council 3; Playmakers 3, 4; Debate Club 4; Library Club 4; Presidents' Council 4.

BOBBY SCHMITZ

Fitted for girls; a ladies' man . . .
Football 1, 2, "B" Team Manager; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Softball 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Baseball 4; Track 4; "C" Club 4.



PATSY SHELEY

*A head so full of grace and beauty!
Would that mine were half so gracious.*
Footlighters 1; GAA 1; Basketball 1; Softball 1; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, Recording Secretary; Glee Club 2; A Cappella Choir 3; Girls' State 3; Secretary-Treasurer 3; Presidents' Council 4, Treasurer; Football Sponsor 4; WILDCAT Staff 3, 4, Editor-in-Chief.

JACK SHERARD

*Ah, don't say that you agree with me.
When people agree with me, I always feel that I must be wrong.*
Football 1; WILDCAT Staff 3, 4.

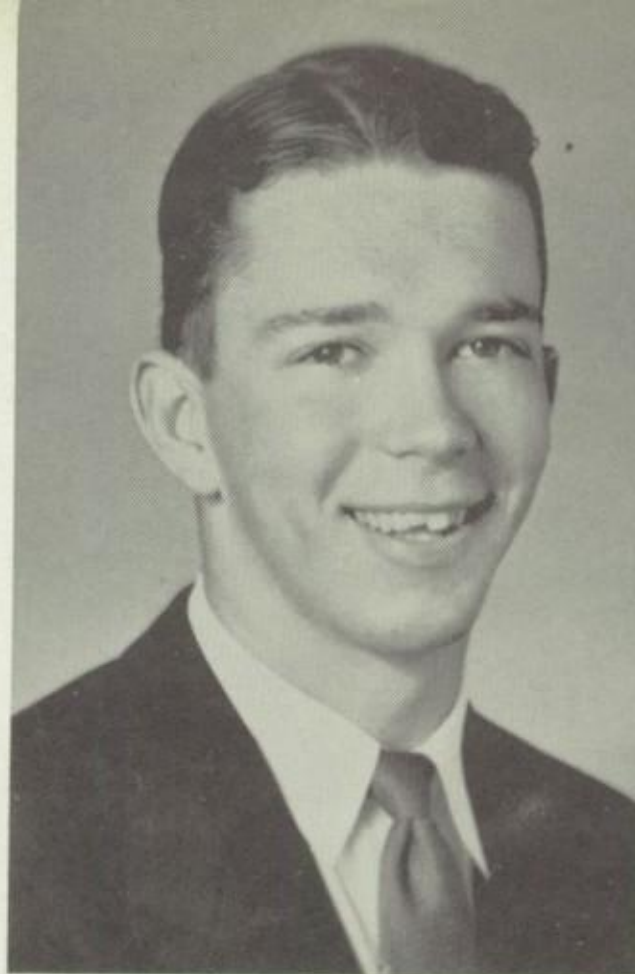
Class of 1955

BOB SISK

A man of letters, and manners, too . . .
Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain; Basketball 1,
2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Presidents' Council
4, Vice President; "C" Club 3, 4, President;
Office Assistant 3; WILDCAT Staff 4.

ARNETTE SMITH

How near to good is what is fair!
Transfer from Houston, Texas.



DON SMITH

Audacity, more audacity, always audacity . . .

ROBERT EARL SMITH, JR.

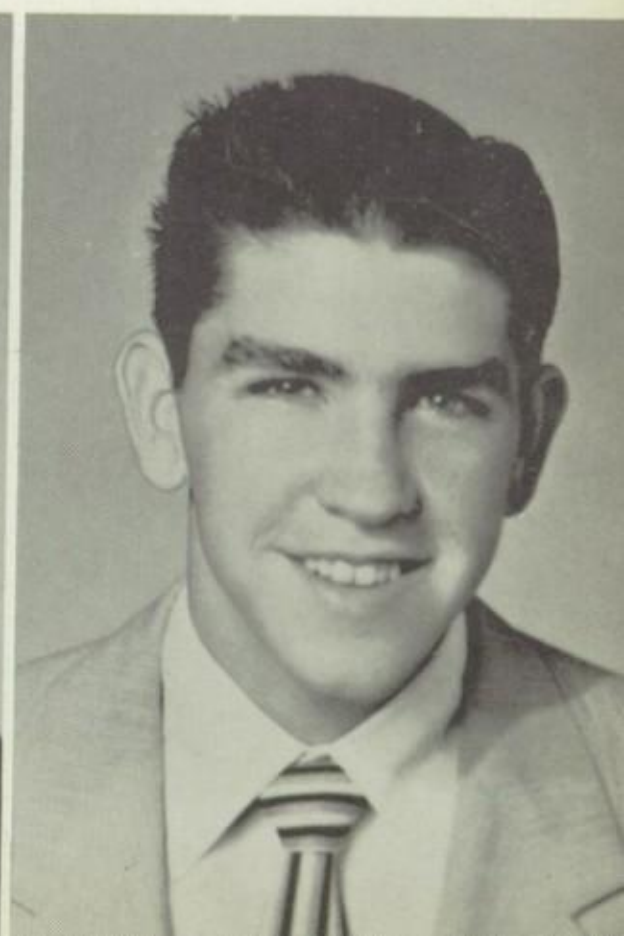
Laugh and the world laughs with you . . .
Football 4.

LOUISE SPADINI

A smile that glow'd celestial rosy red . . .
Footlighters 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Y-Teens
3; A Cappella Choir 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4;
Softball 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3; Volleyball
2, 3, 4; Student Typist 4.

WAYNE STINSON

Young fellows will be young fellows.



Seniors

BOB STOCKETT

*Tho' modest, on his unembarrassed brow
Nature had written—"Gentleman."*

Transfer from Capitol Page School, Washington, D. C.

TOMMIE JACQULYN TEEL

I have a heart with room for every joy.
Y-Teens 3, Vice President; FHA 3; Red Cross Council 4; Majorette 4; Transfer from Murphreesboro, Tenn.



GLORIA THOMAS

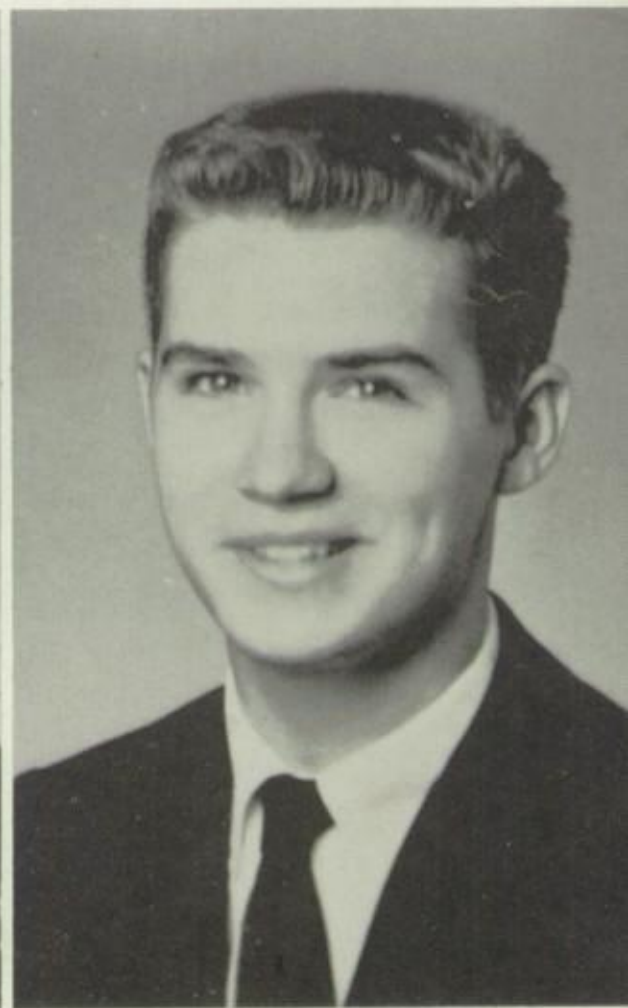
In each cheek appears a pretty dimple.

Footlighters 1; Glee Club 1; Latin Club 1; Playmakers 2, 3; Basketball 3; Basketball Manager 4; WILDCAT Staff 4.

TOMMY THOMPSON

The secret of the universe, as it reveals itself to us, is personality.

Track Manager 1, 2; Intramural Basketball 2; Office Assistant 3; Wildcat Board 1, 3, 4.



MARTHA JANE TOMLINSON

Get thee behind me, Satan; but please, stop pushing!

Footlighters 1; Latin Club 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1; Badminton 1; GAA 1, 2, 3; Library Club 2; Playmakers 2, 3; Homecoming Maid 3; Football Sponsor 4.

JOE LAWRENCE WASSON

The man that blushes is not quite a brute.
Football 1, 3, 4; "C" Club 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; Intramural Softball 3; Baseball 4.

Class of 1955

GENE WATSON

An honest man's the noblest work of God.

Vice President 1; Dixielanders 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President; Solo Cornet 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Loyalty Award 2; Lions All-State Band 3, Alternate; A Cappella Choir 3, 4, President; Mixed Quartet 3; Male Quartet 4; Presidents' Council 4.

CECIL EDWARD WILLIAMS

A dry jest, sir . . . I have them at my fingers' end.

Boys' State 3; Office Assistant 3, 4.



WONEMA WHITWORTH

*The readiness of doing doth express
No other but the doer's willingness.*

Footlighters 1; Office Assistant 1; FHA 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 3; Library Club 2; Playmakers 3; A Cappella Choir 2, 4; Typist 4.

JOE ANN WILLIS

*Here is a girl with a heart and a smile
That make the bubble of life worthwhile.*

Footlighters 1; Basketball 1, 4; FHA 1, 4, President; Playmakers 3; Basketball Manager 3; Presidents' Council 4.

PATSY WILLIS

She shall never lack a friend.

Footlighters 1; Volleyball 1; GAA 1; Softball 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 2, 3, 4, President; A Cappella Choir 3; Mixed Quartet 3; Girls' Ensemble 3, 4; Playmakers 2; Band 4; FHA 1, 4, Secretary; Presidents' Council 4.

JIMMY WOMACK

Magnificent spectacle of human happiness . . .

Football 1, 2.



Seniors

FRANCES GAIL WOOD

What good I see humbly I seek to do.
Footlighters 1; Playmakers 2, 3; Majorette 4; Red Cross Council 4.

BILLIE MARIE WOODALL

Individuality is the salt of life.

Glee Club 1; A Cappella Choir 2; Band 2, 3, 4; Majorette 2, 3, 4, Assistant Drum Major; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, Captain; FHA 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 4.



GRACE ELEANOR ZEPPONI

. . . It is not true that woman was made from man's rib; she was really made from his funny bone.

Footlighters 1; Glee Club 1; A Cappella Choir 2; FHA 1, 2; Playmakers 3, 4; Volleyball 4; Basketball 4, Captain; Softball 4; GAA 4.

JUANITA TIDWELL

Transfer from Holcomb, Miss.



To help raise money for their activities, the senior class sponsors the annual candy sale, an eagerly awaited event in junior-senior high. The candy, made and sacked by the seniors, is sold to students during the fourth period . . . the only day C.H.S. students can eat candy in school!



Candy Sale



Senior Assembly Program



Introducing the seniors to the student body was the purpose of the senior assembly program, an original skit featuring each senior at a class reunion in 1965.

Senior Socials

The basement of the Clarksdale Baptist Church, the Civic Auditorium, the Cat Cave, and the Bobo campus were the scenes of the four senior socials . . . a privilege enjoyed by the seniors and their sponsors. Impromptu entertainment by members of the class followed the luncheons served by the mothers. The Valentine social was enlivened by a song-title game.



Vesper Service
Elizabeth Dorr Auditorium
May 22, 1955



HELEN HUNTER

Processional: "Tannhauser March" Wagner
Patsy Miller

Invocation Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. T. McKenna
Pastor—St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church

Welcome Helen Ruth Hunter

Vesper Music High School Choral Groups

"The Lord's My Shepherd" Carl F. Mueller

"To Thee We Sing" Peter Tkach

"O Divine Redeemer" C. F. Gounod

"God of Our Fathers" Warren-Mueller

Accompanist—Patsy Miller

Vesper Message Rev. J. T. McKenna

Benediction Rev. J. T. McKenna

Recessional: "Grand March" Verdi

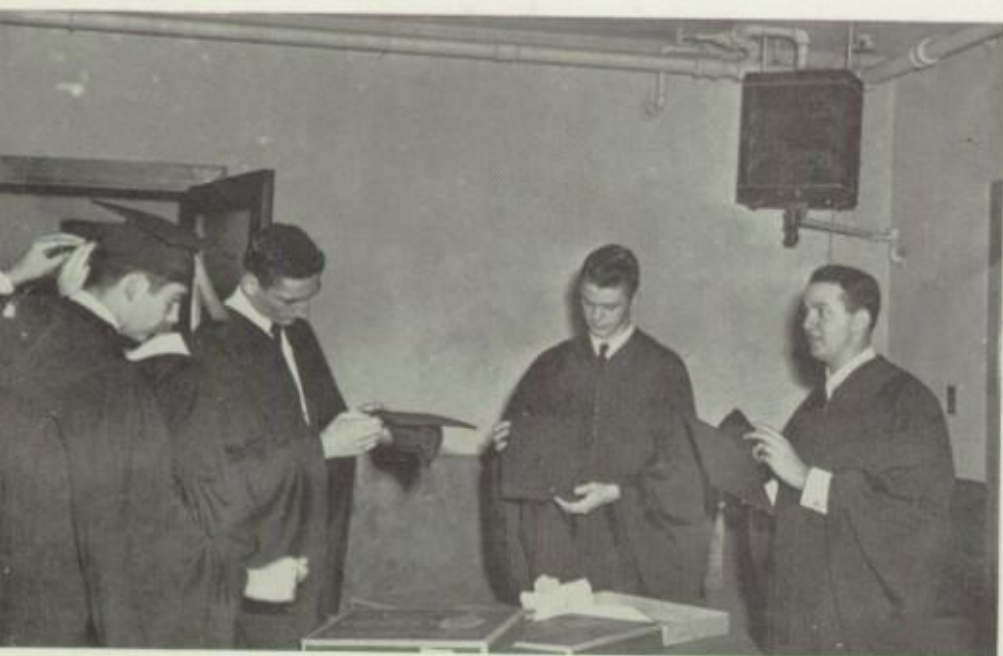
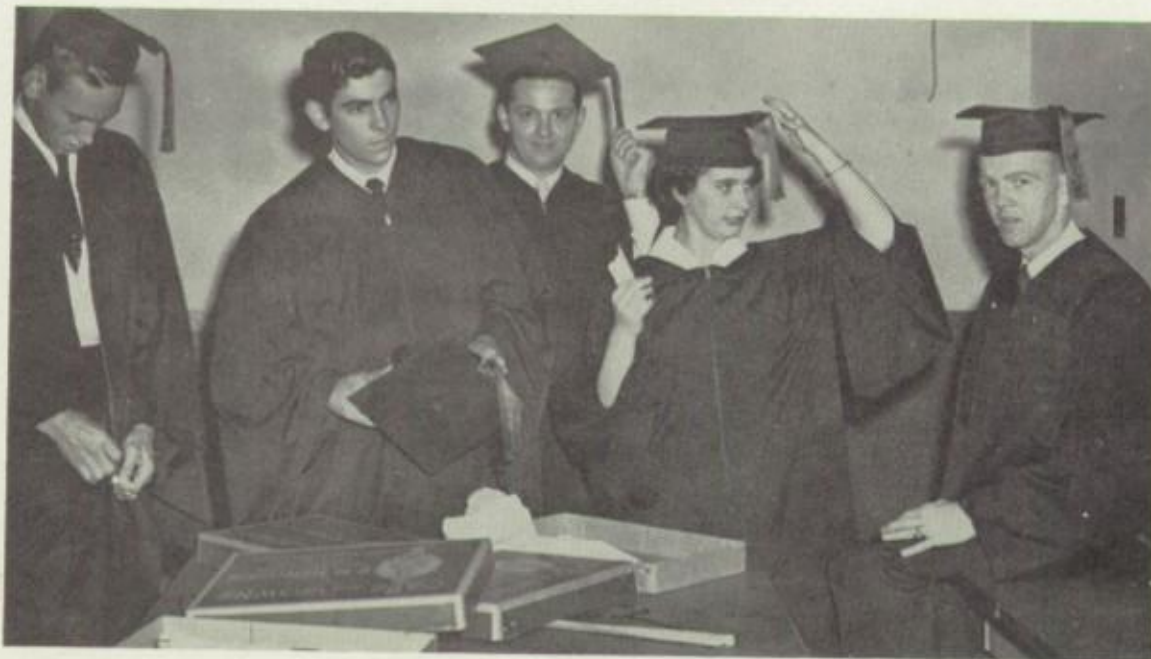
Edwynne Joiner

Vespers



Gathering under the arcade Sunday evening, May 22, before marching into the E. Dorr Auditorium to occupy the front seats for the last time brought feelings of mingled joy and regret.

Graduation



After years of anticipation, the Seniors donned caps and gowns to begin the long trek down the aisle of the City Auditorium to receive their diplomas!

Commencement Program

May 26, 1955

Processional—"March Aux Flambeaux" Clarksdale High School Band

Invocation Rev. C. Carman Sharp
Pastor, Clarksdale Baptist Church

Welcome Address Melvin McNeal Grantham, Jr.

Piano Duet—"Country Gardens" Percy Grainger
Leslye Sherard Baltzer and Peggy Ann Bornman

A HALF-CENTURY OF PROGRESS IN CLARKSDALE HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY OF CLARKSDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Early Growth: 1905-1918 Patsy Ruth Sheley

Milestones of Progress: 1919-1955 Jennie Ruth Buhl

CLARKSDALE HIGH SCHOOL TODAY

Curricula Edward Ellis Samaha, Jr.

Extracurricular Program Edwin Maurice Antici

"No Man Is an Island" Whitney-Kramer
Senior Chorus—Accompanist, Patsy Miller

Presentation of Class Memorial George Edward Falls, Jr.

Acceptance of Class Memorial William Wells McKee

Trombone Solo—"Concertino for Trombone" David
James Edward Foy—Accompanist, Peggy Ann Bornman

Presentation of Platform Guests H. B. Heidelberg
Retiring Superintendent

Presentation of Class for Delivery of Diplomas M. P. Smith
High School Principal

Presentation of President of School Board H. B. Heidelberg

Presentation of Diplomas Tom T. Ross
President of School Board

"Alma Mater" The Senior Class



Neal Grantham



Patsy Sheley



Jennie Buhl



Ed Samaha

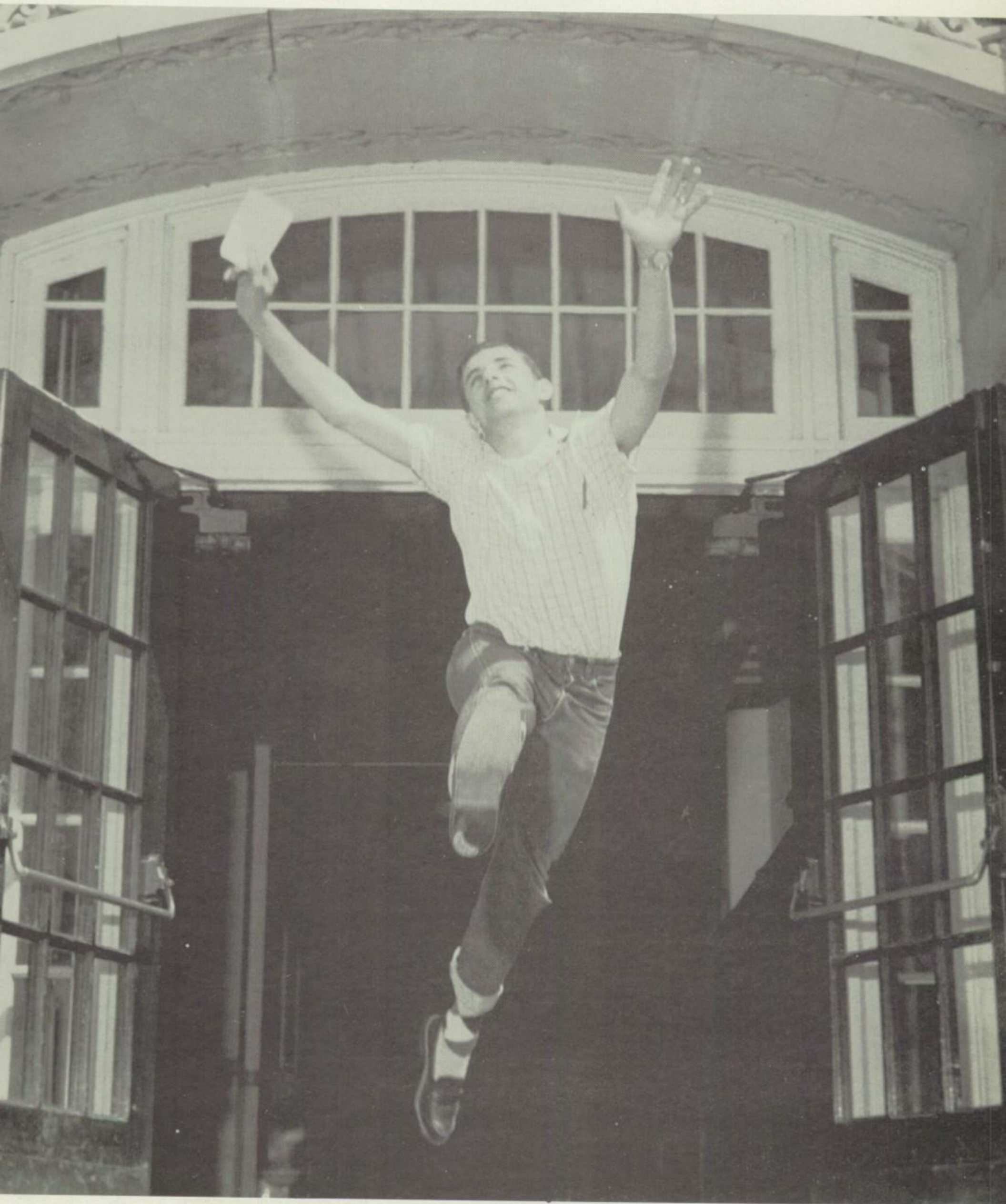


Edwin Antici



George Falls

Juniors



Having developed initiative, cooperation, and responsibility through their group activities, the Juniors look forward joyfully to their position of leadership next year!



Junior Class Officers

Reporter
EDWYNNE JOINER

Secretary
ELIZABETH GRANTHAM

Treasurer
BOBBY RAY FRANKLIN

Vice President
RUDY MONTY

President
BILLY MCKEE

Class of 1956

George Adams
Roy L. Anderson



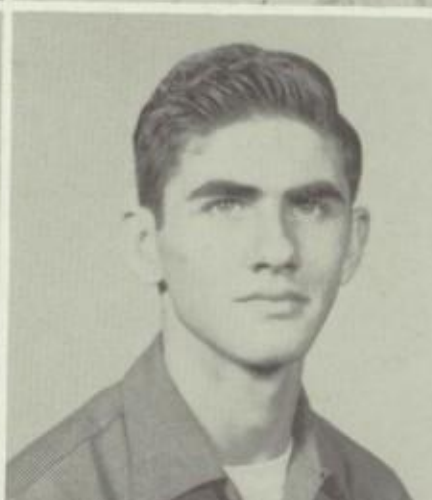
Philip Aronoff
Hazel Bailey



Howard Bailey
Dean Belk
Esther Brand



Elynor Elizabeth Butler
Charles Campassi
Clyde Carraway



Tish Carter
Minerva Castro
Virginia Cauthen



Johnny Bing Choo
Jeanette Crocker
Thomas Davis



Juniors

Alice Clay Denson
Sheila Doggett



Ronnie Doss
Harriet Dukes



*Is a real
cute girl. Lots
of luck always.
Hails*

Gail Edwards
Harold N. Estes, Jr.
Billy Evans



Robert Fava, Jr.
Martha Raye Floyd
Bobby Ray Franklin



Billy Gene Frazier
Bobbie Jean Furniss
Barbara Furr



Beverly Ann Garner
Rosemary Gilbert
Naomi Goodbread



Class of 1956

Elizabeth Grantham
Jess L. Haley



Jackie Hambrick
Marion Hardy



Bertha Louise Holcomb
Jo Ann Horton
Bill Hudspeth



David Ivey
Dan Jackson
Jim Johnson



Edwynne Joiner
Frances Jones
Joyce Jose



Edwynne Joiner is a real beauty. Love you, Edwynne

Mildred Kerstine
Frances Kilpatrick
James E. La Bouve



Juniors

Sarah Longino
Martha Ann Looney



Bill Lowrey
Bob Malone



meanne, you're really doing it! You're really doing it! You're really doing it! I wish you the best of everything always. Love, Maitha Love

Margaret Manning
Martha Love Mansell
Jimmy Doug McCloud



Paula McGlaughlin
Billy McKee
Patsy Miller



Rudy Vincent Monty
Robert Moody
Ann Morris



Bill Pendergrass
Martha Ann Peters
Glenda Pfeiffer



Class of 1956

June Pickel
Lillie Dell Regel



Harris Alan Resneck
Sue Richardson



Shed Hill Roberson
Ned Sabatini
Lucy Jean Salley



Mary Ann Sewell
Roland Shipp
Lavon Skaggs



Gerald Smith
Joye Smith
Vivian Smith



Jackie Stanford
Mary Jane Sugg
Dee Ann Tackett



Juniors

Ann Taylor



Paul Thompson
John B. Trippe



Peggy Walker
Marion Warfield



Betty Westbrook
Lillie Faye Williams
Joanna Juanita Yetman



To finance the Junior-Senior Banquet, members of the junior class operated a concession stand during home basketball games.



Junior Activities



Conducting a candy sale and sponsoring dances were two major projects of the junior class in financing the Junior-Senior banquet.





Making their orders for class rings and pins was one of the high spots of the year for members of the junior class!

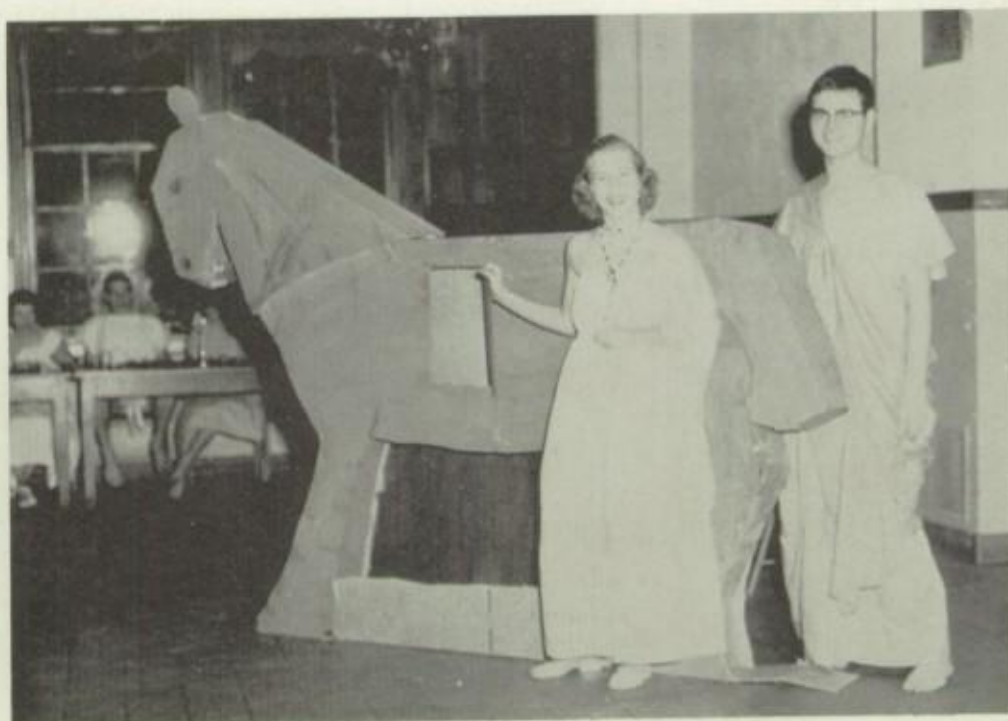


With a bit of advice from an interested senior, a group of juniors decorated the class float for the Homecoming parade.

Junior Activities



Juniors and Seniors had fun as they worked together in decorating Soldiers Field for the annual Homecoming celebration!



Juniors worked hard and had fun as they built the Trojan horse used in the program for the Roman banquet sponsored by the Latin Club.

Sophomores



A spirit of friendliness and wholesome human relationships pervades the corridors, classrooms, and campus of C.H.S.

Sophomore Class Officers



President
L. G. LA PLANT, JR.

Reporter
LARRY JENKINS

Vice President
ANN McCLOUD

Secretary-Treasurer
PEGGY MOONEY

Sophomores

Jerry Abraham
Larry Abraham
Barbara Adams
William C. Aden
Barbara Antici



Anita Ray Antone
Charlotte Barbarin
Frank Barron
Sharron Beard
John Birdsong



Class of 1957

George Black
Reed Boehm
Walter Boone
Alice Brand
Jack Bryan

Suzanne Butler
Sam Campassi
Louis Campbell
Charles D. Carleton, Jr.
Earl Cauthen

Mary Edmunds Cocke
Mary Glenn Coker
Margie Correro
Kay Cranford
Thermon Crocker

Jerry Crout
James Crutcher
Carlyle Crutchfield
John Dickinson
Sue Dismuke

Deloris Douglas
Kenneth Drew
Joyce Dunn
Tommy Dye
Billy Everitt

Garry Falls
Doug Flint
Tim Foley
Carey Fondren
T. W. Fondren, Jr.

Dan Foster
Mary Ann Furini
Tom Fyfe
Joe Gatewood
Patsy Gerrard



Sophomores

James Gibson
Billie Ann Hamrick
Jimmy Hatchett
Jerry Hawkins
Joanne Hitt

Sally Holcomb
Grace Holley
Faith Houston
Sammie Sue Huddleston
Joan Hughes

Robert Franklin Hurt
Jimmy Hyde
Hazel Ikerd
Jo Ann Ivy
Bobby Jackson

Joe Ed Jenkins
Larry Jenkins
Jesse Joe
Bob Johnson
Fay Johnson

R. H. Jones
Jane Jose
Louis Jose, Jr.
Mary Ann Jue
Percy Kaigler

Barbara Ann Keel
Marie Keesee
Ned Keith
James Kincade
Leo Kinney

Freddie Carol Klutts
L. G. La Plant, Jr.
Wayne Lester
Lieulita Logan
Jerry Lubiani



Class of 1957



Leonard Lurie
Beverly Mallette
Pat Mandolini
Charles Martindale
Ellington Massey

Mary Alice Massey
Ann McCloud
Bobby McLaughlin
Van McLaughlin
Bethany Ann McDonald

Sam McNew
Tommy McVay
Minnie Medlin
Phil Miller
Ernest Moody

Peggy Mooney
Kenneth Mooneyhan
Barry Moore
Beverly Morris
Loraine Nelson

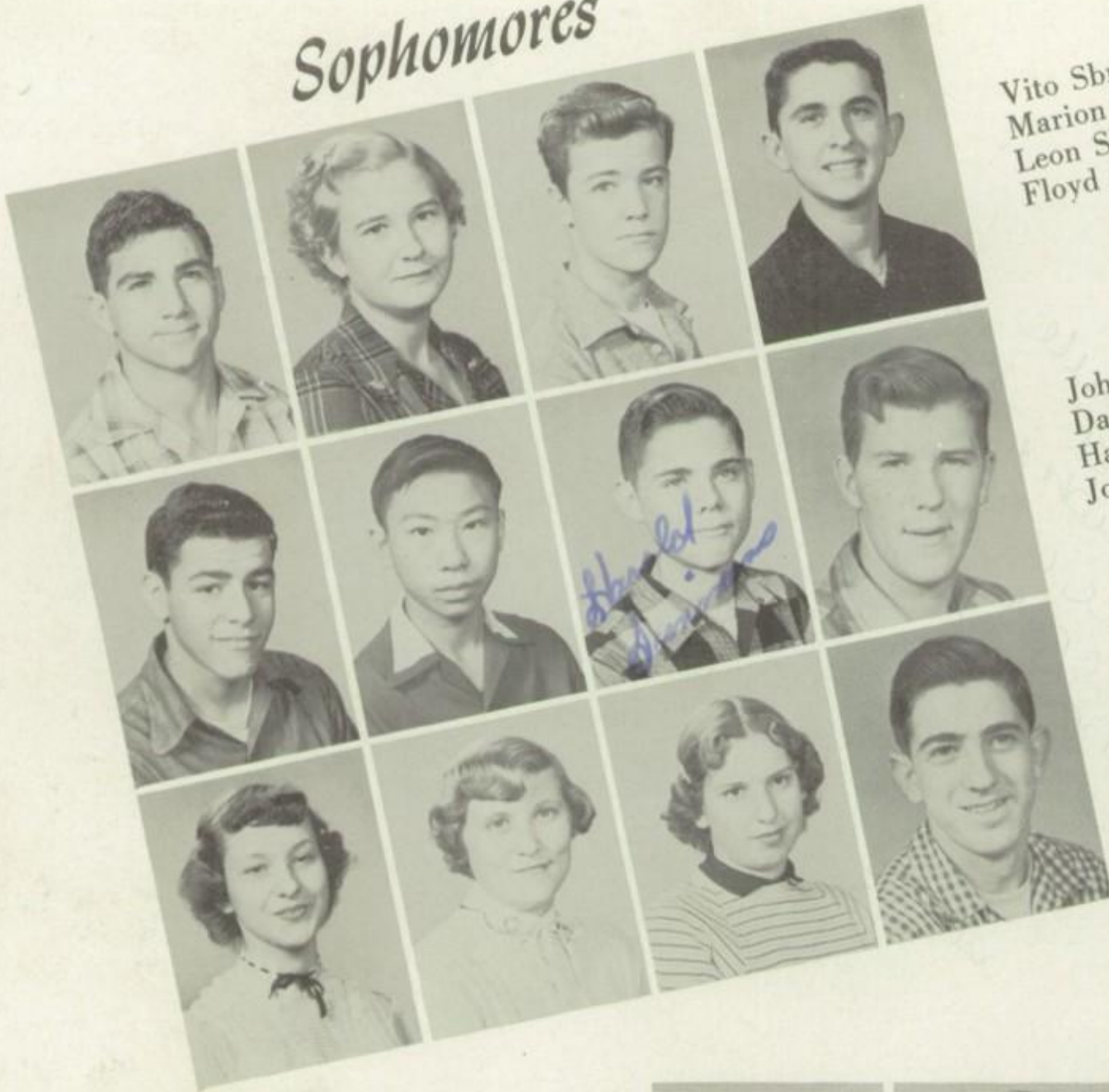
Richard James Noe
John Orman
Mildred Palmer
Jimmy Payne
Bill Peay

Barbara Ann Pittman
George Pittman
John H. Rader
Charlene Ricks
Minnie M. Rinks

Bill Robinson
Roy Ross
Dolores Ann Rossie
Donald Rutledge
Harriette Sankey



Sophomores



Vito Sbravati
Marion Self
Leon Shaifer
Floyd Shankerman

John Sherman
Daniel Shing
Harold Simmons
Joe Sisk

Shirley Smith
Harriett Sorrells
Millicent Terney
Gus Thompson

Paul Thompson
Shirley Tollison
Alec Watts
Joe Weller

Joel Williams
Mack Willis
Diana Willmore
Marshall Wise

Elizabeth Wooten
Sherman Yates
Joan Young
Pat Younts



*7. a real
sweet girl
Sherman*

Freshmen

ORIENTATION



High school opens the door to many new opportunities and experiences for members of the Freshman Class.



Freshman Class Officers

KATHLEEN DAY, *Reporter*

BETTY LOU RUTH, *Secretary*

TOMMY CARTLEDGE, *Vice President*

BILLY HENDERSON, *President*

Freshmen

Jane Adams
Mary Wallace Bailey
Joe Baird
Becky Baltzer
Suzanne Batson



Josephine Beard
Wilanna Bennett
Mary Biggs
Sidney Bolton
Bob Boyce



Class of 1958

Jimmy Brister
Judy Broglin
Bob Brunson
Nancy Buford
Alice Buhl



Don Carpenter
Tommy Cartledge
May Choo
Helen Commander
George Cook



Jack S. Correro
David S. Crighton
Billy Cruse
Woody Dabbs
Rosalie Davis



Elouise Day
Kathleen Day
Carolyn Diamond
Patricia Dribben
June Ellis



Dorothy Evans
Robert Ford
Annette Fox
Harry Frazer
Beverly Fullilove



Skipper Fulton
Kathleen Funk
Jo Ann Furini
Kenneth Furniss
Billy Gates



Freshmen

Billy Gazaway
Patsy Gillespie
Evelyn Gordon
Charlotte Lynn Green
G.G. Griffing



Gloria Haining
Glenda Faye Hall
Betty Lou Hardy
Barbara Harpole
Faye Harris



Joe Hegwood
Bonnie Helms
Billy Henderson
Bob Hitch
Malcolm Hitchcock



Bill Holley
Claudette Homan
William Ikerd
Charles Ivy
Sherry Lee Jackson



Leigh Jacob
Tommy Jenkins
Exton Johnson
Hoyte Chesley Johnson
Linda Johnston



Loda Johnston
Sandra Jones
Paul Jose
Gladys Jue
Billy Keel

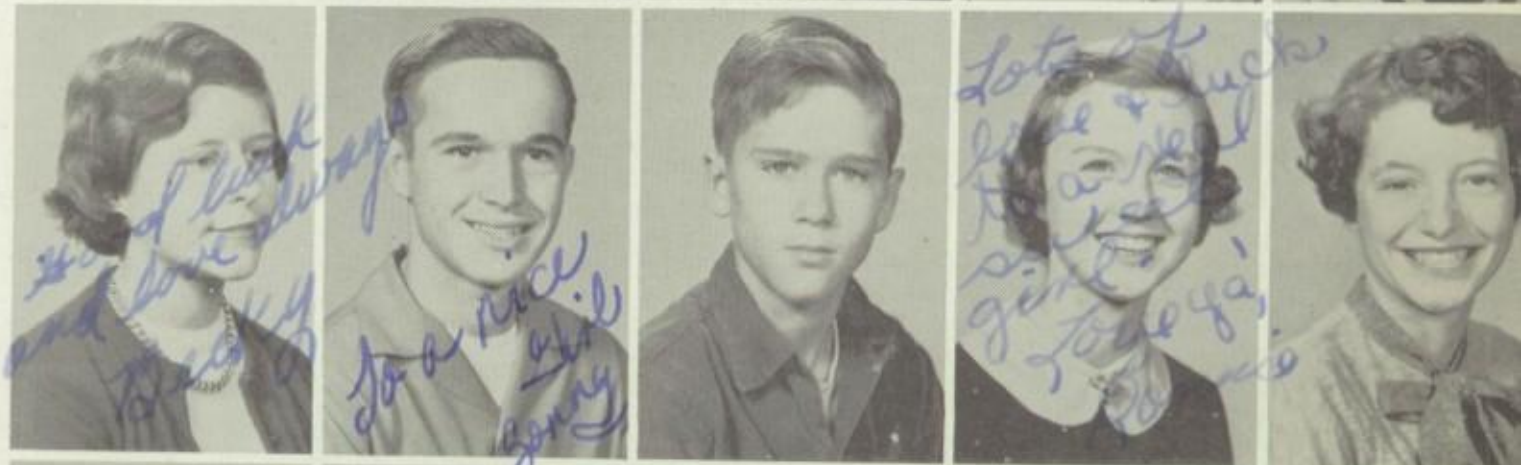


Class of 1958

Betty Sue Kiihnl
Jimmy Latham
Elaine Laurenzi
Fred Lentjes
Roy Lentjes



Becky Lowrey
Jimmy McBride
Hampton McInnis
Bonnie McLaughlin
La Juana Martindale



Thomas Massey
Betty Jane Monty
Emmie Lou Mooney
Henry Herbert Moore
Frances Mullen



Melvin Murphy
Joan Nelson
Lacy Newton
Terry Nicholas
Cecile Nix



Douglas C. Noland
Joe Nosef
Mary Lois Parker
Linda Porter
Betty Jo Pullen



Bonnie Raney
Barbara Rappaport
Mary Ann Rector
Bessie Mae Reedy
Anita Fay Richardson



Freshmen

Judith Roy
Bobby Russell
Betty Lou Ruth
Mary Helen Rutledge
Blanche Sanderson



Byron Sanderson
Kathryn Scheider
Fred Scruggs
Cary Simmons
Eugene Simpson



Faye Sims
Daisy Smith
Dortha Smith
J. D. Smith
Lynn Smith



John Stevenson
Rae Strode
Gerry Tarver
Larry Tate
Meri Taylor



George Todd
Gailua Trantham
Ernest Vanlandingham
Carolyn Weaver
Claude Weeks



Wade R. Whittington
Henry Wigley
Bill Wilkins
Billy Wood
Jo Ann Zepponi



Junior High



By helping the pupil to explore and develop his interests and abilities, the junior high school facilitates his transition from elementary to high school and prepares him for later specialization.

James Abbott
Mickey Adams
Clyde Allen
Betty Andrews
Marjorie Andrews
Frances Bailey



Robert Bailey
Marjorie Bennett
Barbara A. Best
Billy Biggs
Jerry Binder
Joanie Binder



James E. Bolen
Barbara Brewer
Betty S. Brooks
Linda F. Brooks
Rose Brown
Barbara Butler



Eighth Grade



Sondra Campassi
Ralph Campbell
Shirley Canfield
Mary K. Carpenter
Johnny Carr
Margie Carr



Walter Clark
Albert Clower
Glenn Coker
Joyce Coleman
Wert Cooper
Carolyn Coury



Kittie Cox
Charles Crews
Gary Crocker
Jimmy Cruse
Sylvia Cummings
Susan Day



Doris J. Dismuke
Kay Doss
Claude Durham
George Everett
Ann Falls
Linda Farris

Charles Faulkner
Patsy Ferguson
Libby Foy
Donald Fulgham
Freida Furniss
Harold Furniss



Gerald Gammill
Bill Gates
John Gilbert
Linda Gilbert
James Gordon
Peggy J. Gordon



Kirven Goss
Bobby Grantham
Kenneth Gregory
Richard Guest
Dickie Haining
Kathryn Hanna



Eighth Grade



Jennie Harding
Archie Harpole
Betty Harris
Diane Harris
Jimmy Harrison
Brenda J. Hill



Joe Carol Hitt
Billy Holcomb
Charles Hollis
Charlotte Horton
Julia Hughes
Ronnie Hughey



Jan Humber
Charles Ivey
Charles Jackson
Jerry James
Kenneth Jenkins
Eva Mae Jones



Jerry Jose
Danny Jue
Joan Jumper
Kerry Kendall
Jim Kimbrough
Nancy Kincade

Carolyn Kinney
Patricia Knight
Don Kornegay
Bobby Lanham
Audrey Ann Lee
Larry Lewis



Ann Lipsey
Lucille Longino
Edna Manning
Lucie L. Maynard
Talmadge Massey
Ina Jean Mauldin



S. McAlexander
James McCloud
Missy McGivaren
Billy McGregor
Elnora McKee
Elizabeth McMinn



Eighth Grade



Jimmy Miller
Leighton Miller
Murray Miller
Virgil Minor
Claude Moody
Gay Moody



Arlene Mooney
Ray Murphy
Peggy Nabors
Ann Newton
M. Nicholas
Bobby Oakman



Jane Overby
Nancy Pilgreen
Anne Porter
Paul Powell
Linda Reaves
Betty Redwood



Martha Reedy
Gilbert Sanders
W. Sanderson
Beverly Sauls
Irene Sbravati
Linda Shelby

James Lynn Shipp
 Billy Shook
 Betty Slater
 Jud Steen
 Morris Sweatt



John Tedford
 Frankie Thackston
 Nancy Thomas
 Jimmy Thompson
 Pat Thompson



George Tinney
 Sondra Tucker
 Walter Turner
 Jerry Ward
 Judy Watts



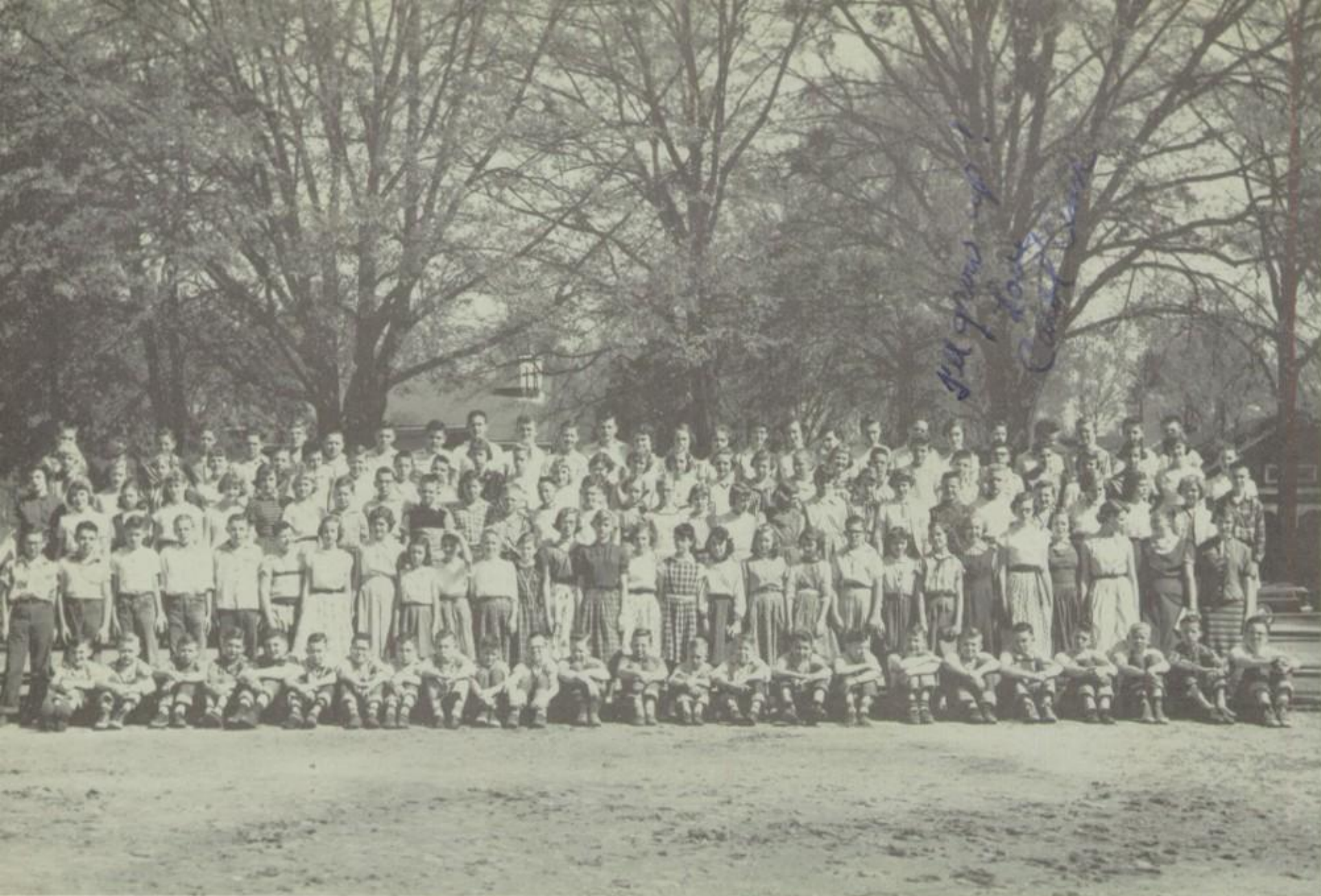
Ann Weeks
 Dick Wilkins
 Dottie Williams
 Rachael A. Williams
 Ray Worthington
 Edmond Young



Eighth Grade Promotion Exercises



"LOOKING TOWARD HIGH SCHOOL"



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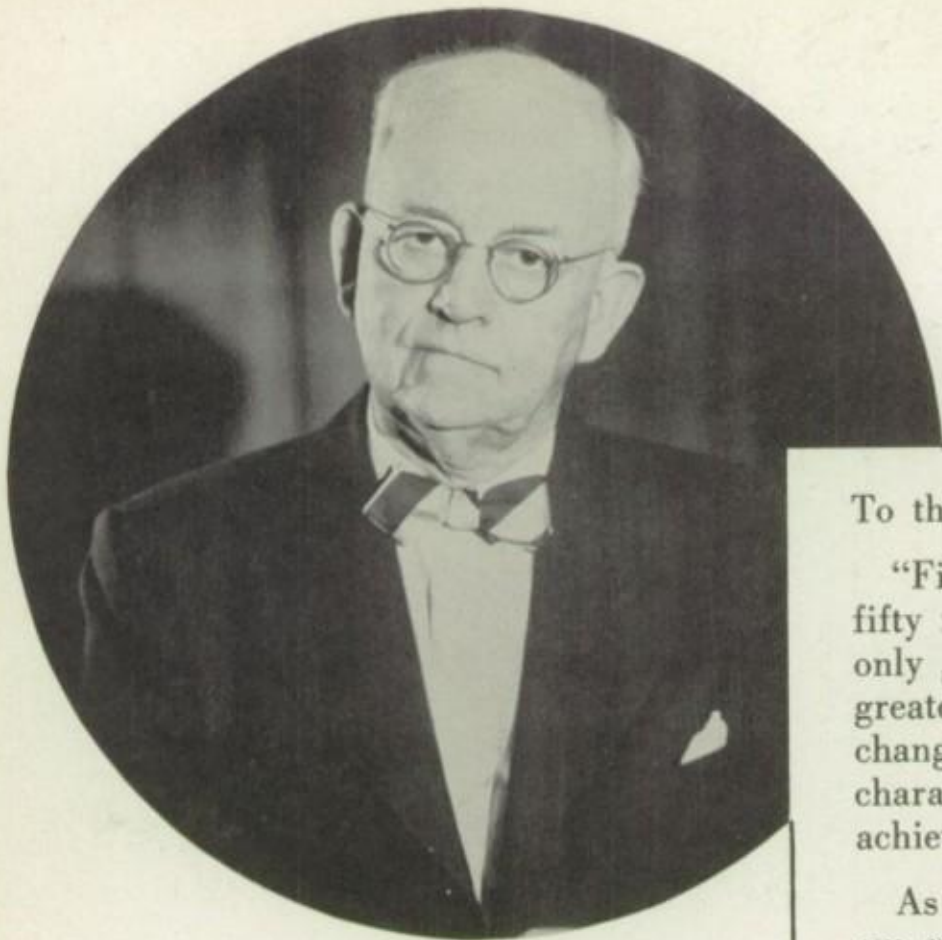
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Faculty and Classes



To meet individual needs and interests of students, a three-track curriculum is offered; new courses are added to meet changing conditions; and up-to-date teaching methods are employed.



Superintendent's Message

To the WILDCAT Staff and Student Body:

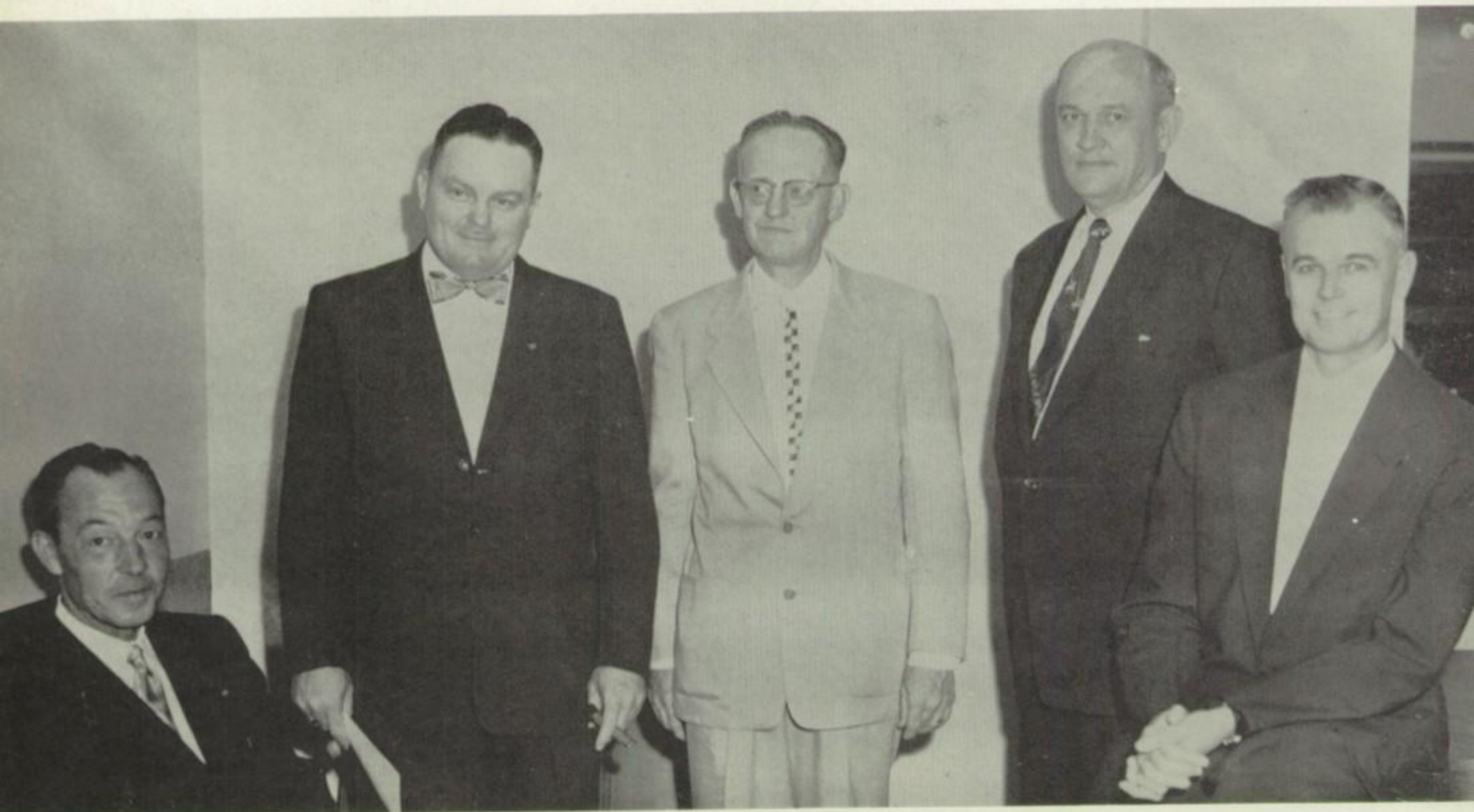
"Fifty Years of Progress" of the Clarksdale Schools are not just fifty mileposts in a period of a half-century. Progress signifies not only growth in the number of students, teachers and buildings, but greater achievements, in response to recognition of change and changing needs. Fifty years have brought boys and girls with better character, better citizenship, and greater and more diversified achievements.

As Superintendent of the Clarksdale Schools for fifty years, I am grateful for the opportunity to have contributed my energy and limited talents to the program achieved. As I retire from the scene of inevitable further progress, I bequeath to my successor the hope that he will derive as much satisfaction from the joys of progress as it has been my good fortune to experience.

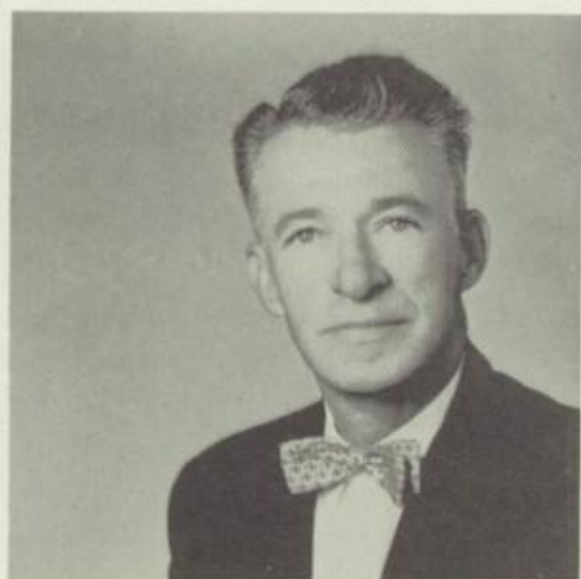
A loving "Good-by" and good luck to all of you!

H. B. HEIDELBERG

Throughout the years, as a policy-making body, the Board of Trustees of the Clarksdale City Schools has worked untiringly for the betterment of the school system.



J. E. Joiner (Secretary), Woodrow W. Day, W. T. Wilkins (Vice Chairman), Tom T. Ross (Chairman), W. H. Frazer, Jr.



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MRS. LILLIAN BORGOGNONI MRS. CATHERINE TOMLINSON
Junior Clerk Senior Clerk



MRS. ANNIE SEE SPARKS—*English*



The American literature class gained increased literary appreciation by listening to a recording of "Snow Bound."



MISS BESS NORMAN
English
Journalism



MISS KATHLYN SHURLEY
English
Science



MISS EDITH WILKINSON—*English, Spanish*



MRS. MABEL MORRIS—*English*



To acquaint her students with Latin culture, Miss Conn used the opaque projector to show pictures of scenes in Greece and Rome.



MISS ELIZABETH CONN—*Latin*



By comparing the anatomy of the frog to that of the human being, science students improved their understanding of the human system.



ALLAN L. McCLURE—*Science*



J. M. BENNETT
Science
General Math



MRS. SARA ETHERIDGE
Mathematics



FRED F. GORDY
Mathematics



MISS PEGGY TUCKER—*Social Studies*

Social Studies students presented a panel discussion on the United Nations over WROX and in assembly.



MISS MAURINE WISE—*Social Studies*





MISS KATHLEEN CARMICHAEL
Commercial Subjects



MRS. MARGARET LEDBETTER
Commercial Subjects



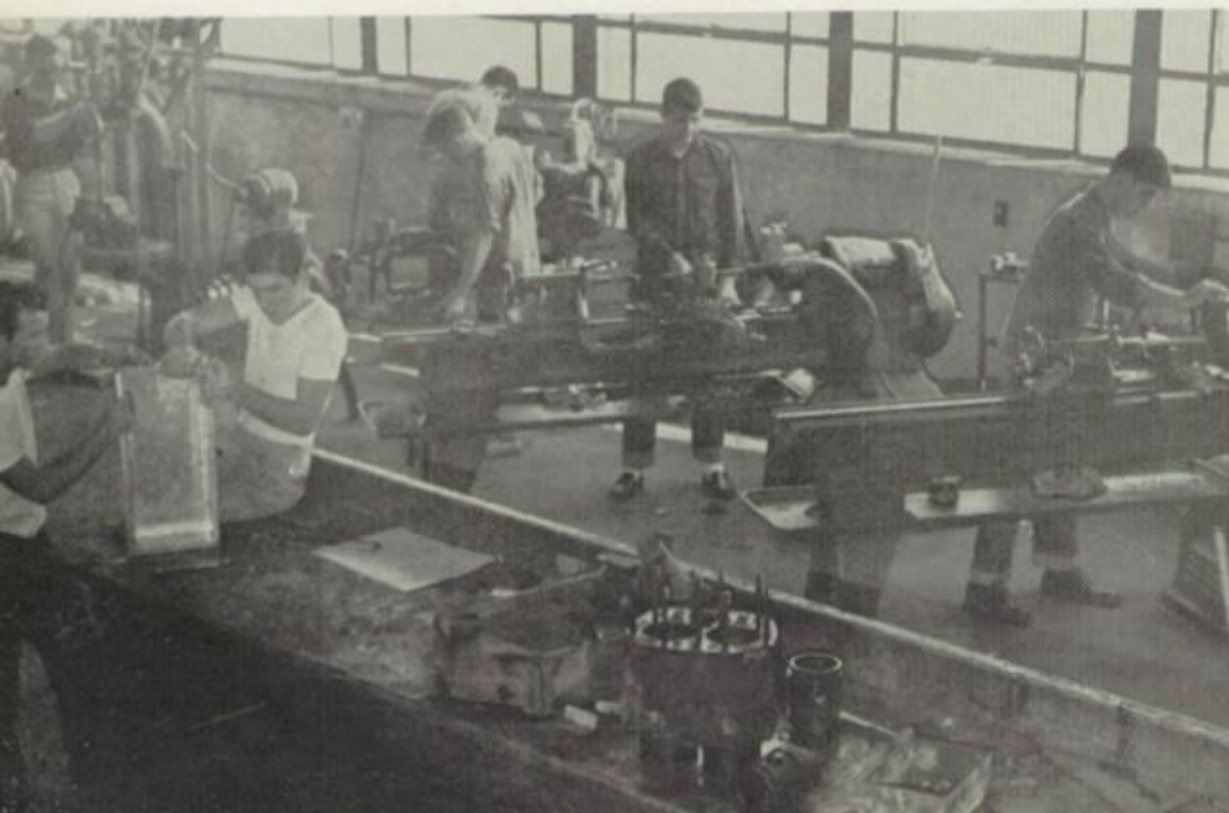
Students in the Business Department learned to operate the calculator, adding machines, mimeoscope, mimeograph, ditto, and ediphone.



W. P. COX
Maintenance of School Plant



CARL KEEN
General Shop, Mechanical Drawing



Type "B" Shop students studied metal work, automobile mechanics, welding, lathe, and shaper.



L. G. LAPLANT
Mechanical and Metal Trades Shop



Homemaking classes visited the Big Star Market to learn how to stay within the family budget by selecting the best bargains.



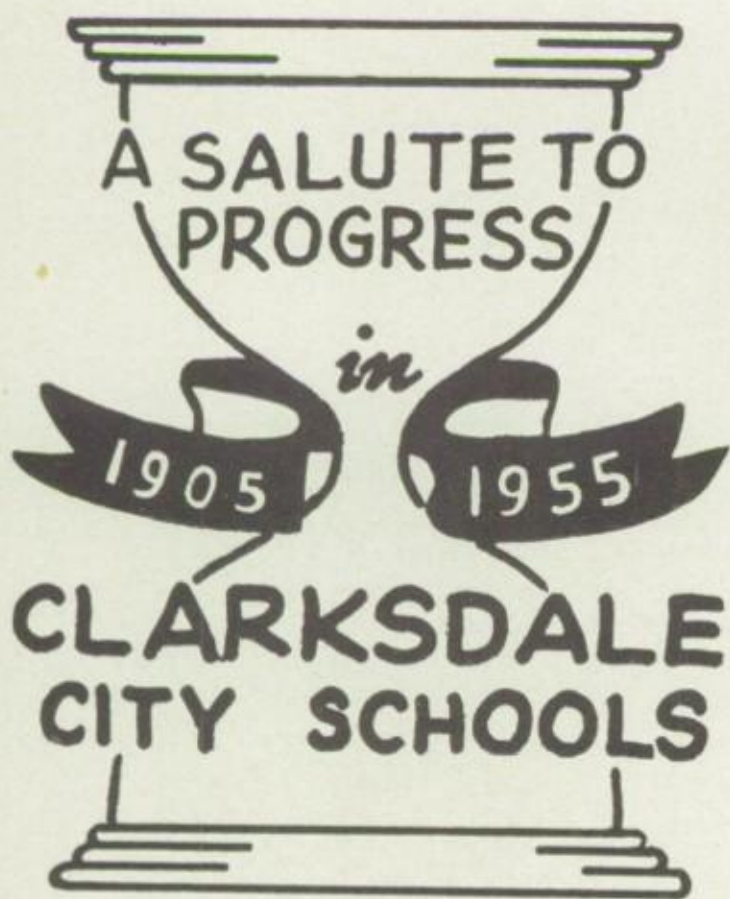
MRS. JULIA CORSO
Home Economics



MRS. DIANE PEARSON
Home Economics



MRS. ROSALIE LIPSEY
Manager of Bobo Cafeteria



Something new has been added . . . Driver Education, an elective subject for ninth and tenth grade students.

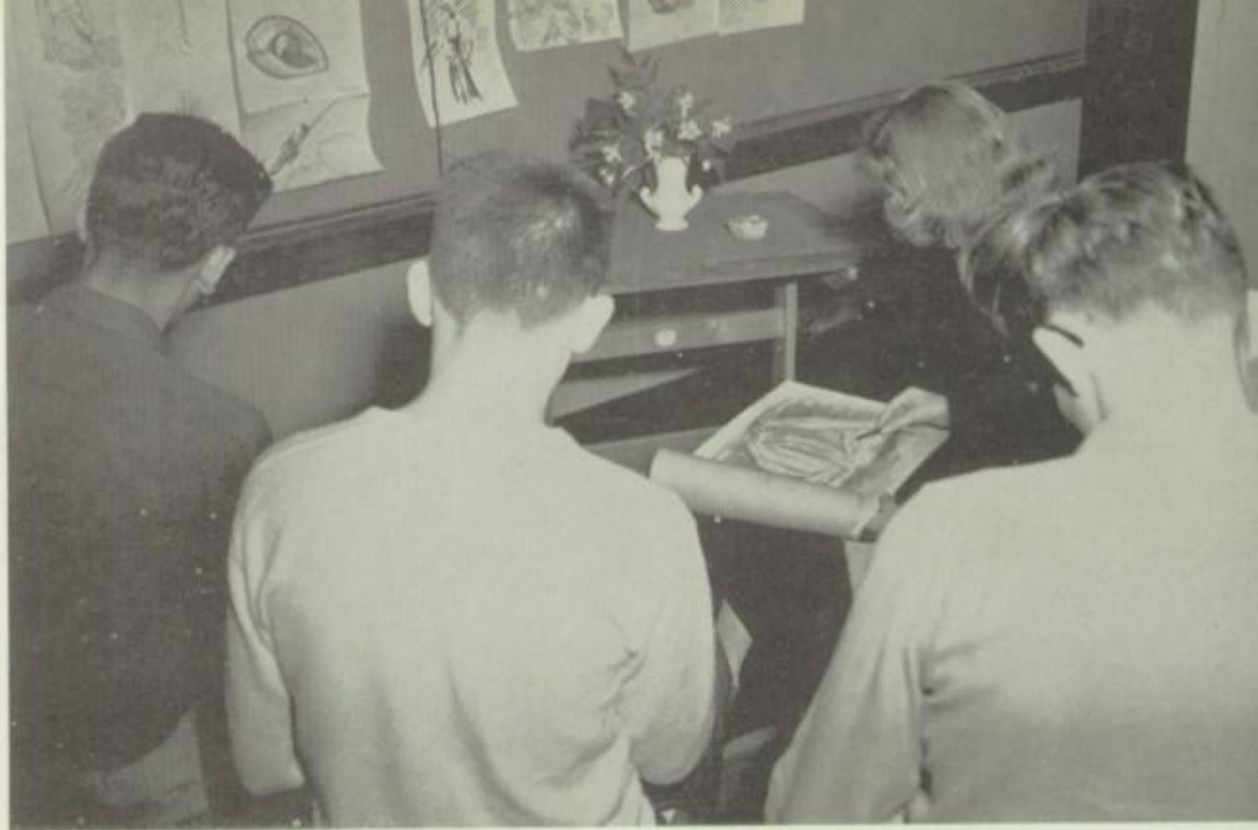


WAYNE S. HARRIS
Driver Education





MRS. FAYE SKEWES
Art



Art classes enjoy free-hand drawings, still-life, clay modeling, and soap carvings, and make posters, backdrops for assembly programs, and Christmas decorations for homerooms.



MRS. RUTH McCAIN
Study Hall



MISS MARY JOAN FINGER
Library

Modern dancing helps to develop grace, poise, and endurance.



LEONARD WHITTAKER
Boys' Physical Education



MISS FRANCES DAVIDSON
Girls' Physical Education

Organizations



Providing opportunities for fellowship, service, and development of initiative and leadership, a varied program of extracurricular activities supplements academic work.

Presidents' Council

*So many
sweet girls
was like*



OFFICERS

Treasurer
PATSY SHELEY

Vice President
BOB SISK

President
NEAL GRANTHAM

Secretary
EDWYNNE JOINER

Reporter
HELEN HUNTER

Parliamentarian
STELLA MARTIN

Begun in 1945 and composed of leaders of student organizations and representatives from high school classes, the Presidents' Council initiates and sponsors activities and projects for the welfare of the student body and faculty. Major projects of the council are Homecoming, Who's Who contest, election of the Band Queen, operation of the Lost and Found Cabinet, and Career Day.

Membership of the council includes Neal Grantham, Senior Class President; Billy McKee, Junior Class President; L. G. LaPlant, Jr., Sophomore Class President; Billy Henderson, Freshman Class President; Patsy Sheley, Editor of WILDCAT and President of Library Club; Stella Martin, Associate Editor of WILDCAT; Helen Hunter, Editor of SPOTLIGHT; Bob Sisk, "C" Club President; Catherine Criss, President of Playmakers; Mary Helen Rutledge, President of Footlighters; Patsy Willis, Glee Club President; Gene Watson, President of A Cappella Choir and Band; Patsy Johnson, President of Y-Teens; Billy Evans, Junior Red Cross President; Nancy Grattafiori, G.A.A. President; Joe Ann Willis, F.H.A. President; Dibba Butler, Latin Club President; Edward Samaha, Debate Club President; Roland Maddox and Louise Nelson, Senior Representatives; Edwynne Joiner and Ann Morris, Junior Representatives; Marie Keesee, Sophomore Representative; Becky Baltzer, Freshman Representative.

Library Club



Initiated in 1945 by Miss Mary Joan Finger, the Library Club offers continuous service throughout the school year to the student body and faculty. Annual activities of the group include sponsorship of the "Let's Read" program, a Book Week tea honoring the faculty and parents of club members, displays of new books, and special exhibits featuring the talents and hobbies of C.H.S. students.

Display of new books



"Turn over a new leaf!"



Footlighters

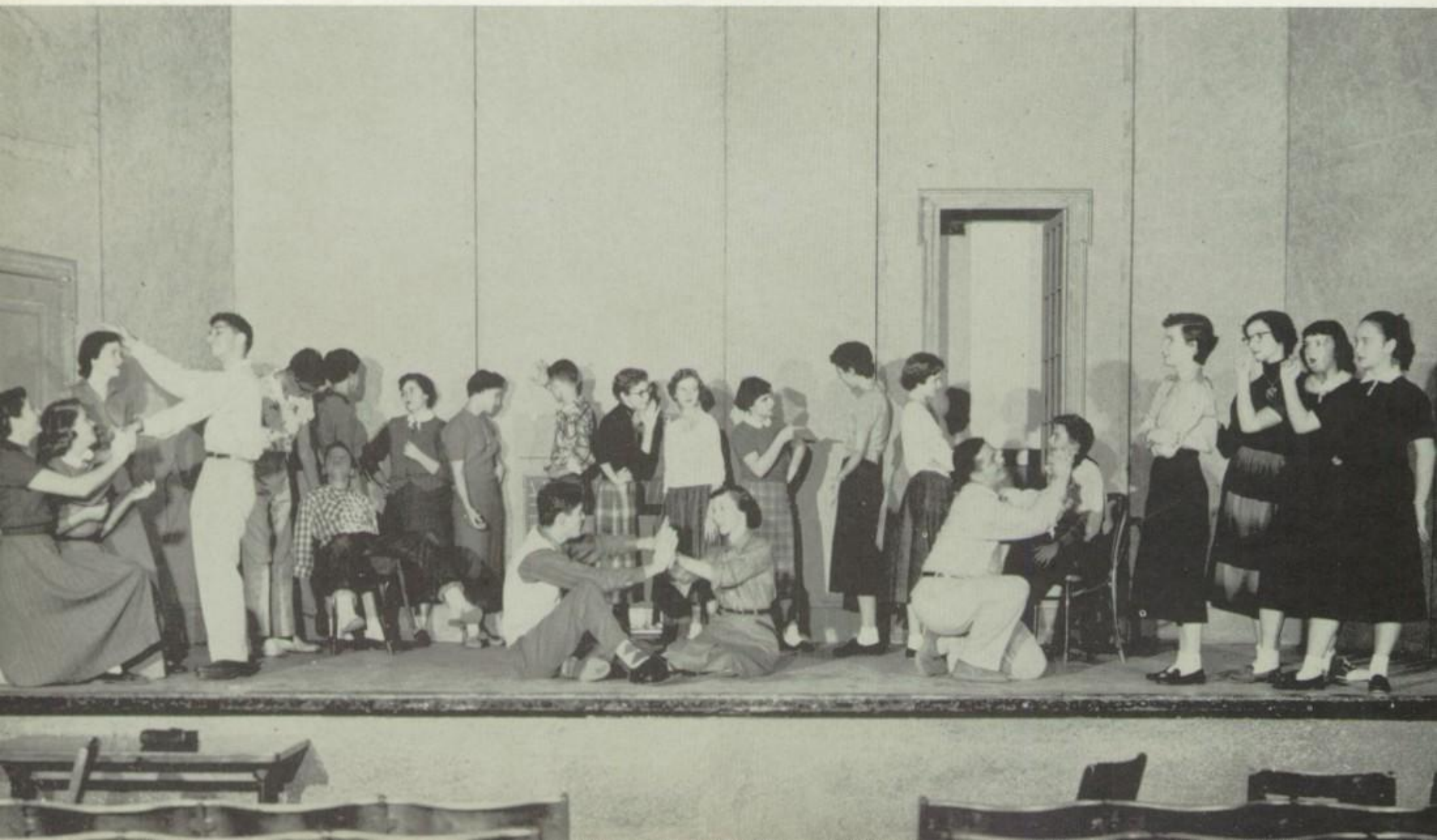


M. H. RUTLEDGE, *President*—G. TARVER, *Reporter*

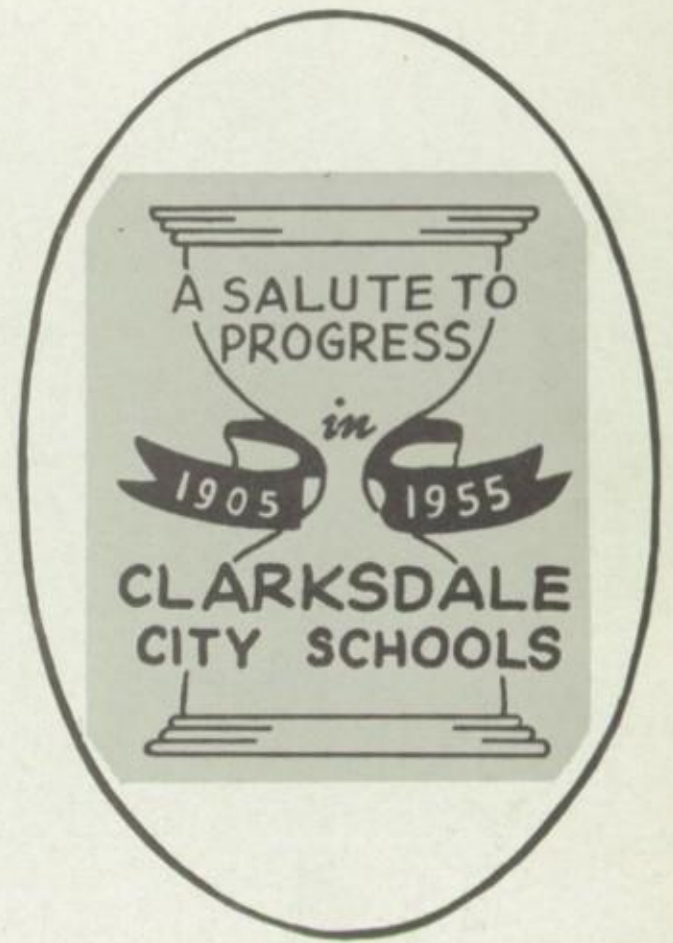
B. L. RUTH, *Vice President*—B. BALTZER, *Secretary*

The popularity of dramatics among students of C.H.S. is evidenced by two clubs: the Footlighters for freshmen and the Playmakers for tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students. "Catching Up with Christmas" and "A Ghost in the House," presented by the Footlighters and Playmakers respectively, were enjoyable assembly programs.

Playmakers



Junior Red Cross



BILLY EVANS, *President*—ANN COKER, *Executive Secretary*

LESLYE BALTZER, *Vice President*—JUANITA YETMAN, *Recording Secretary*

Two service clubs illustrate the moral and spiritual training in our school: The Junior Red Cross collaborates with the American Red Cross by sponsoring such projects as overseas gift boxes and the art exchange program with foreign countries; and the Y-Teens strive to promote Christian fellowship. This year the Y-Teens sponsored a Clean-Up Day, made favors for trays in veteran hospitals, and held an installation service for new officers.

Y-Teens



Debate Club

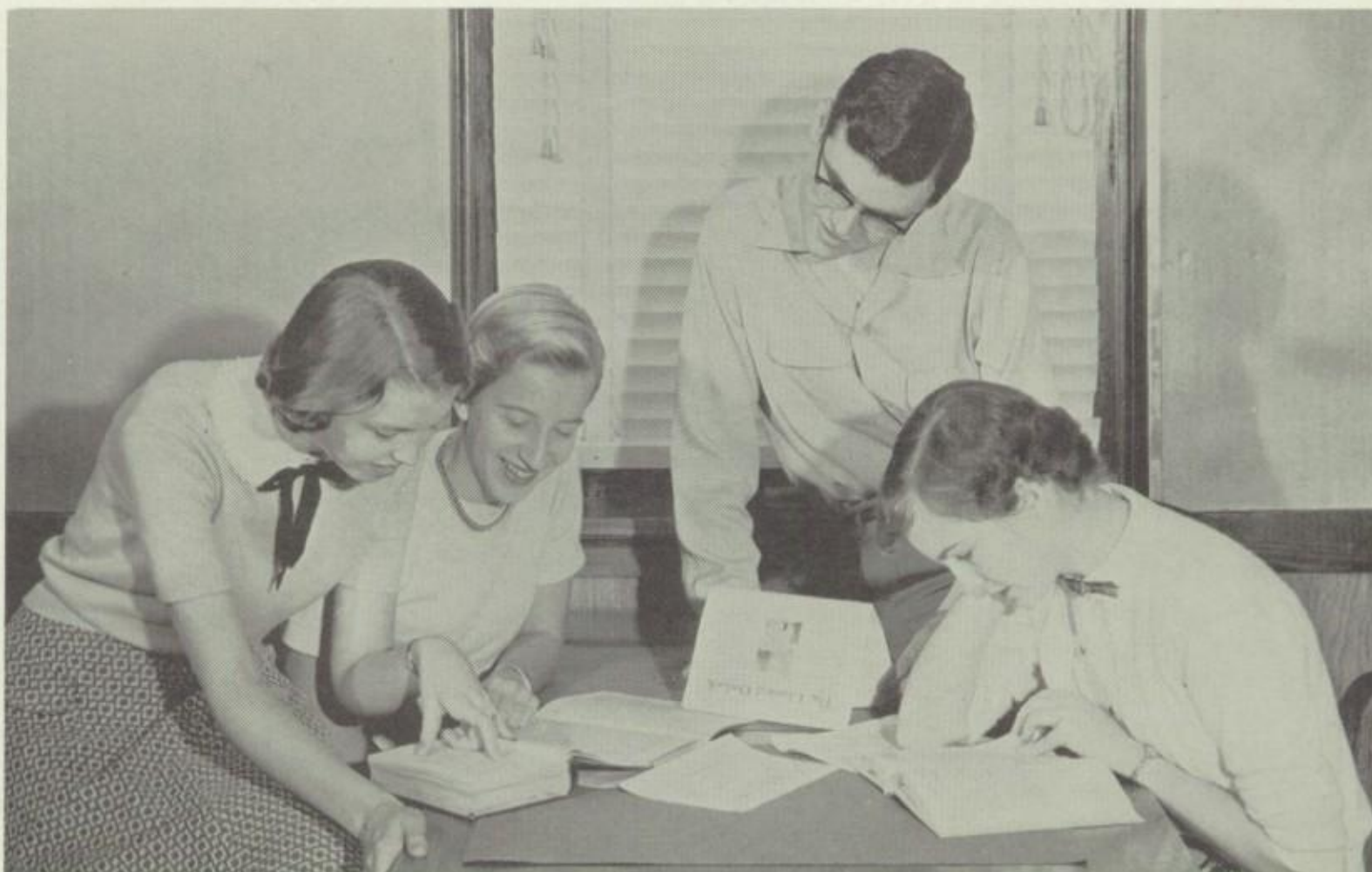


Assembly Debate

Reorganized under the direction of Mrs. Mabel Morris after an interval of several years, the Debate Club made its initial appearance in an assembly debate on the following question: "Resolved, That it is better to be a little frog in a big pond than a big frog in a little pond." Charter members of the club were Glenda Abraham, Susan Kline, Marion Warfield, Edward Samaha, John Birdsong, Ann Morris, Lawrence Magdovitz, and Ben Rader. A team composed of Catherine Criss, Edward Samaha, Ann Morris, and Billy McKee competed in the district meet, in which the question was "Resolved, That Congress should abolish the protective tariff."



Latin Club



Secretary-Treasurer
MARIE KEESEE

President
DIBBA BUTLER

Reporter
BILLY EVANS

Vice President
SALLY HOLCOMB

Initiated by Miss Sue Watkins in 1945, the Latin Club offers its members an opportunity for learning Roman customs and developing an appreciation for ancient art and literature. At present the club has fifty-six members. Among its activities are the annual Roman banquet and participation in the North Mississippi Latin Conference. This year the club won first place honors at the conference for its skit, "The Ides of March," an original playlet written by Frank Baker, Charles Brocato, and Aubrey Edleman.

Roman Banquet



Wildcat Board



The Wildcat Board includes the presidents of the four senior high school classes, two representatives elected by each class, and two members of each class appointed by the faculty. In addition to assisting in the upkeep of The Cat Cave, the Wildcat Board holds open house with refreshments and entertainment and sponsors dances for C.H.S. students.

The Cat Cave



The Youth Center, better known as The Cat Cave, was opened on December 4, 1953.

Spotlight



SPOTLIGHT STAFF

Billy McKee, *Boys' Sports Editor*; Helen Hunter, *Editor*; Stella Martin, *Reporter*; Larry Jenkins, *Reporter*; Mary Jane Sugg, *Assistant Business Manager*; Billy Evans, *Business Manager*; Anne Coker, *Circulation Manager*; Ann Morris and Edwynne Joiner, *Associate Editors*; Eula Holloway, *Art Editor*; Sarah Longino, *Girls' Sports Editor*.

The SPOTLIGHT, voice of the students, had its beginning thirty years ago under the sponsorship of Miss Nettie Rose. The Journalism class was introduced in 1937, and the SPOTLIGHT achieved Quill and Scroll national honor rating in that year.

On April 27, eleven members of the SPOTLIGHT staff and two of the WILDCAT staff were initiated in the Nettie Rose Chapter of Quill and Scroll: Sarah Longino, Ann Morris, Billy McKee, Marion Warfield, Billy Evans, Stella Martin, Mary Jane Sugg, Edwynne Joiner, Patsy Sheley, Jennie Ruth Buhl, Anne Coker, Eula Holloway, Sara King (not shown).

Quill and Scroll Initiation



Future Homemakers of America



The F.H.A. offers to Homemaking students opportunities for further development in planning and carrying out activities related to the home. In September the club held its annual installation of officers and initiation of new members. The following officers were installed: Josephine Beard, pianist; Betty Lou Ruth, treasurer; Joan Nelson, vice president; Joe Ann Willis, president; Patsy Willis, secretary; Eula Holloway, reporter; Rosalie Davis, social chairman; June Ellis, song leader.

4-H Club

"Learn to Do by Doing" is the guiding principle of the 4-H club, which trains its members in better citizenship, useful skills, efficient work, and community responsibilities. The four H's represent the four-fold development of Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

Doing outstanding work in club projects were Mary Bailey—poultry, gardening, food, health; Judy Broglin—clothing; David Crighton—cattle and hogs; Joe Baird—hogs; Jerry Hawkins—cotton.



MARY BAILEY



JUDY BROGLIN



DAVID CRIGHTON



JOE BAIRD



JERRY HAWKINS

Sports



An expanding program of intramural as well as competitive sports for both boys and girls provides wholesome recreation, teaches good sportsmanship, and inspires school spirit.

1954 Varsity and "B" Team



The 1954 Wildcats recorded another memorable chapter in C.H.S. gridiron history . . . not counted in wins and losses but in good sportsmanship, dauntless spirit, and incomparable teamwork.

Managers



Roy Andrews, Walter Boone,
George Falls, John Trippe

Captains



Bob Sisk, *Captain*
Neal Grantham, *Co-Captain*

Coaching Staff



Steinriede, *Backfield*; Harris, *Head Coach*; Peevy, *"B" Team and Basketball*; Whittaker, *Line*; Fooshee, *Junior High*.

Guards



Lurie, La Bouve, Mandolini, Monty, Sbravati
Malone, Smith, Butler, Grantham, Sabbatini

Centers



Wasson, Hawkins, Fondren

Fullbacks



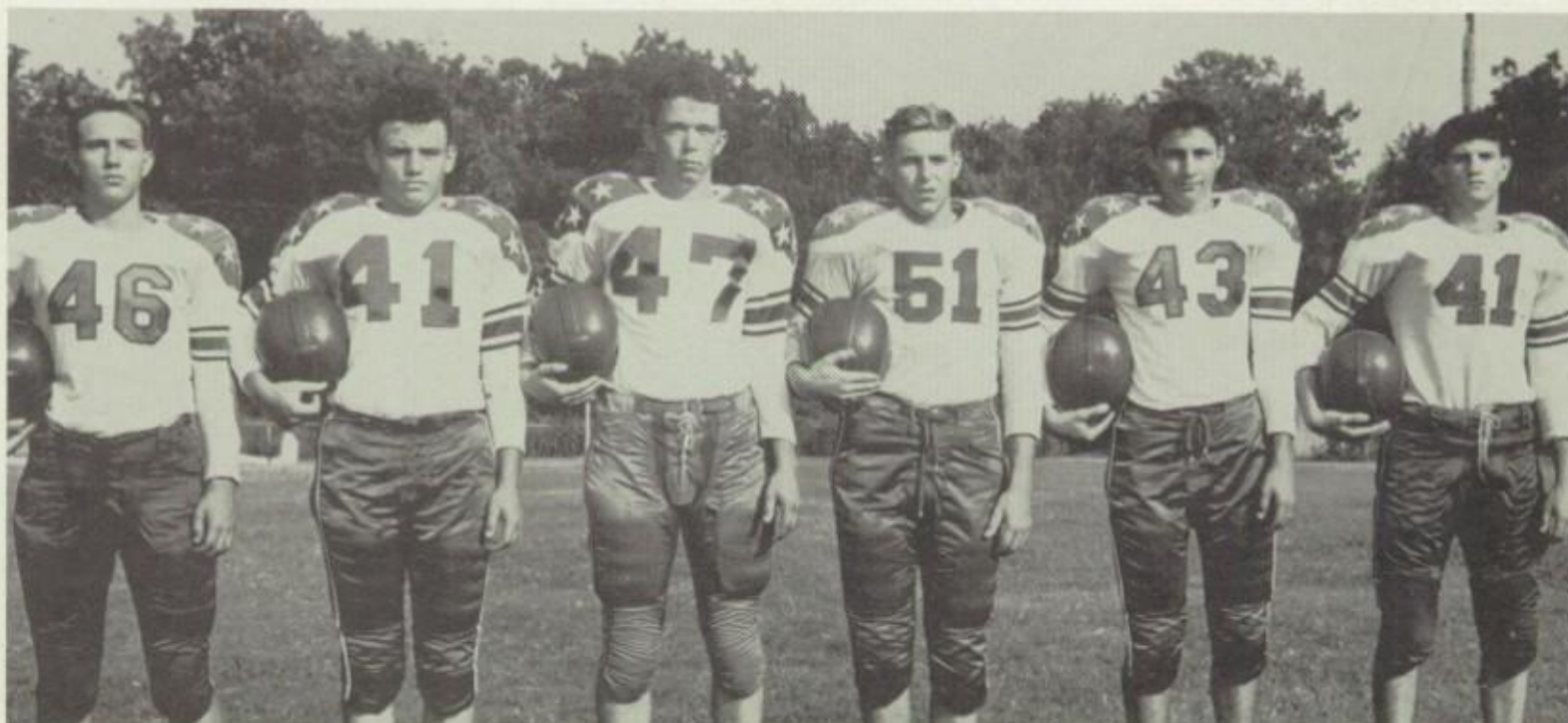
Graham, Goss

Quarterbacks



Kaigler, Gregg, Franklin

Tackles



Orman, Roberson, Sisk, Smith, Gho, Brocato

Halfbacks



Johnson, Bryan, Campassi
Callicott, Foster, Williams, Johnson

Ends



Hector, Maddox, Davis
Carruth, Ivy, Antici, Crow

Varsity Cheerleaders



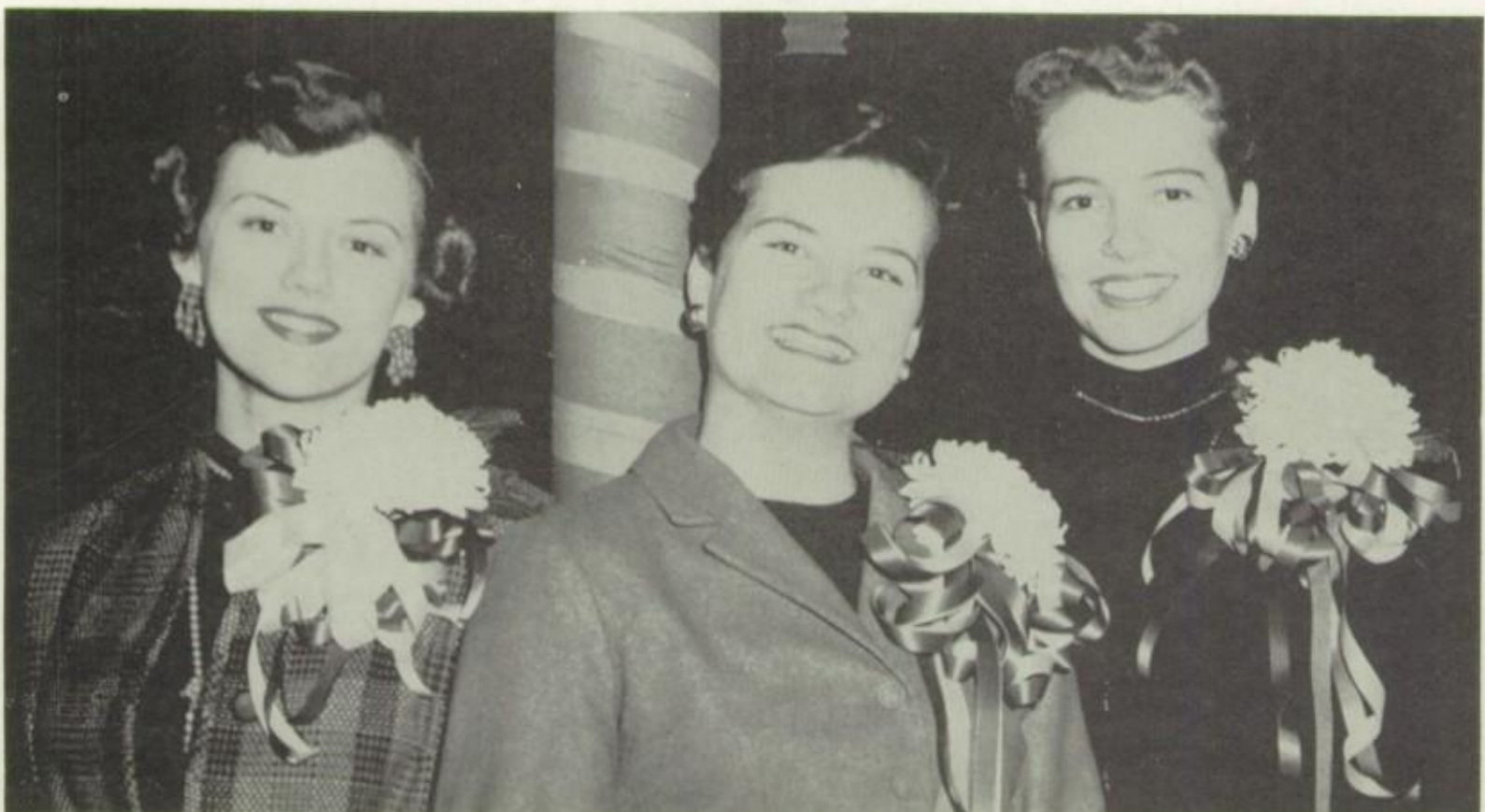
Louise Nelson, Sissy Aust, Carolyn Atkinson, Helen Hunter
Edwynne Joiner, Marion Warfield, Sarah Longino



Enthusiasm and school spirit were enlivened throughout the football season by clever posters, colorful parades, and blazing bonfires planned and sponsored cooperatively by the cheerleaders and football sponsors of 1954-1955.



Varsity Sponsors



Gladys Lee Cox, Martha Jane Tomlinson, Patsy Sheley

"B" Team



Betty Lou Ruth, Rae Strode, Faye Harris,
June Ellis, Patricia Dribben,
Sandra Jones, Becky Baltzer, Faye Sims

Cheerleaders

Junior High



Linda Shelby, Linda Farris, Joan Binder,
Lucille Longino, Lucy Lee Maynard,
Missy McGivaren, Julia Hughes



Joan Nelson,
Elaine Laurenzi, Gailua Trantham

Sponsors

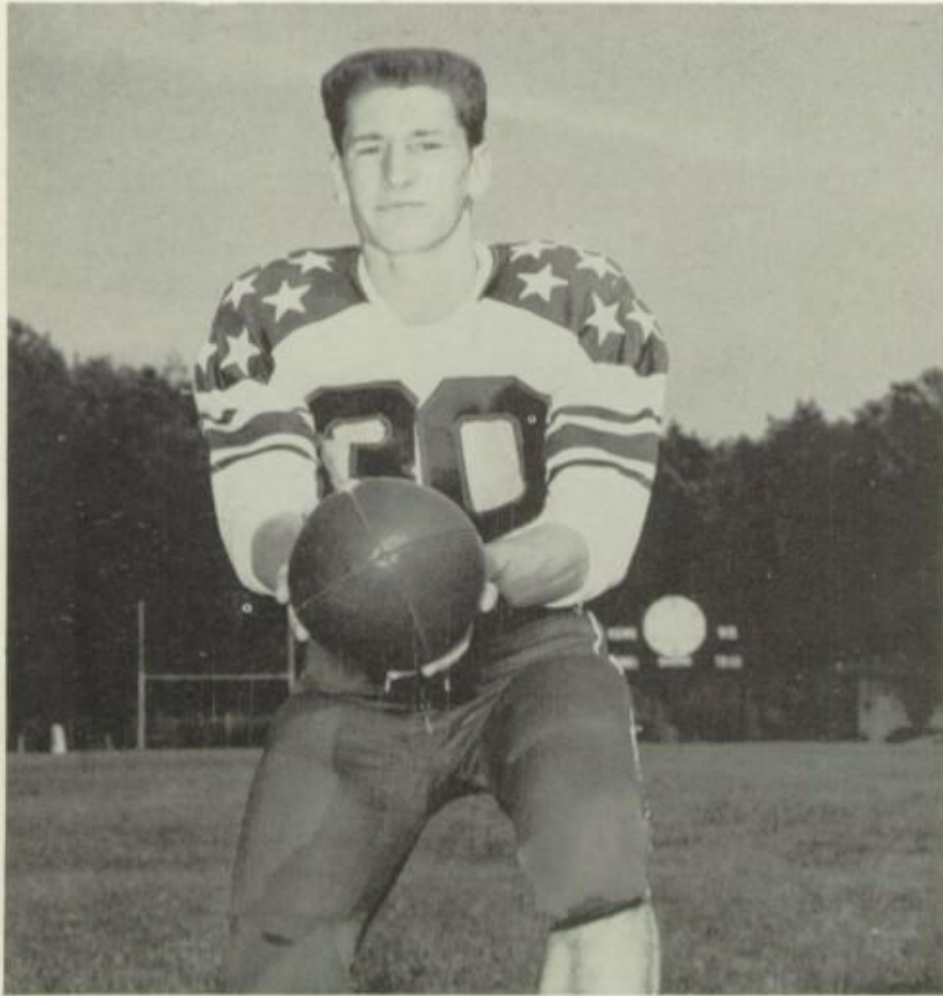


Kay Doss,
Jo Carol Hitt, Nancy Kincade

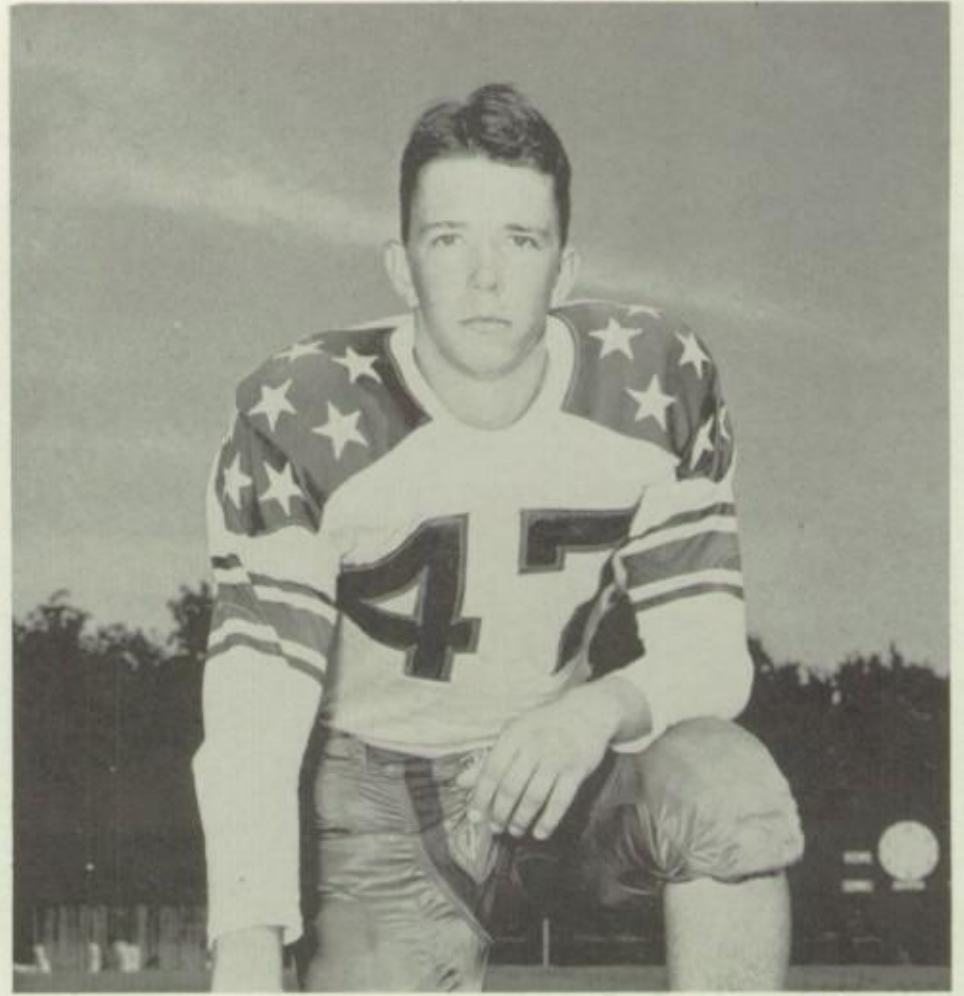
Junior High Team



Big 8



BOBBY RAY FRANKLIN—*Reserve*



BOB SISK—*Reserve*



Football made its entrance in C.H.S. in 1912 with Forrest G. Cooper as coach. The only game of the season, a loss to Greenville, was played on the site of Bornman Lumber Company on Fourth Street. Green Seals became the first captain in 1913.

Since the late 1930's, when Clarksdale High became a member of the Big Eight, it has had 16 players designated as All-Conference. Two—Graham Bramlett and Ronald Bennett—made All-Big Eight two years, and Bramlett was named the most outstanding player in Big Eight, the only Wildcat to receive the honor.



Honorable Mention



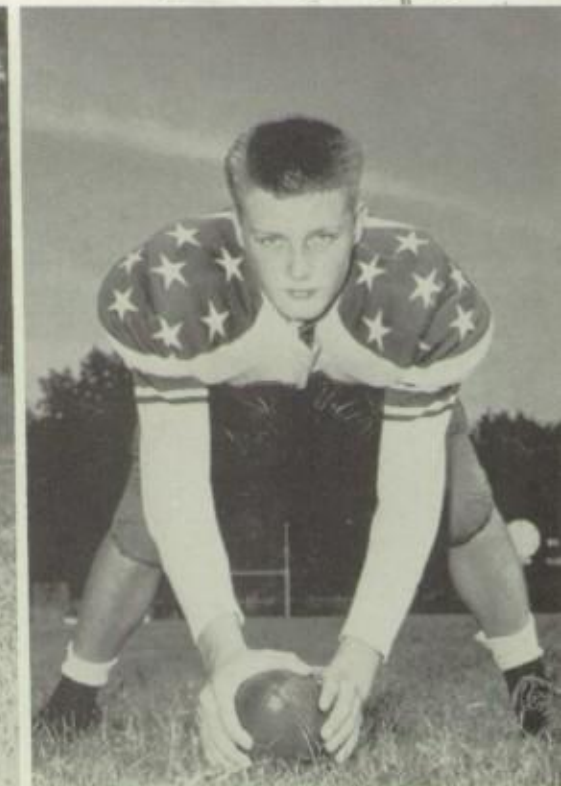
BOB JOHNSON



SHED HILL ROBERSON



NEAL GRANTHAM



JOE WASSON

Varsity Basketball Team



Standing: Don Morris, Ronny Gregg, Chris Carruth, Kenny Hawes, Bob Sisk, Doug McClain.
Kneeling: Bobby Mooneyhan, Neal Grantham, George Falls (manager), Bobby Ray Franklin, Herman Robinson.

"B" Team



Sam Campassi, Shorty McNew, David Ivey, Cary Fondren, T. W. Fondren, Joel Williams, Bob Johnson, Jack Bryant, Jerry Lubiani, Howard Bailey.

Big 8



RONALD BENNETT—1953
 KENNETH HAWES—1955

Freshman Team



George Cook, Tommy Jenkins, Terry Nicholas, Eugene Simpson, Harry Frazer, Kenneth Gregory, Billy Gates, Bill Holley, Jerry Binder, Woody Dabbs, Joe Hegwood, Billy Henderson.

Intramural Captains



Lombard Burns, Edwin Antici
Eliot Cohen, Brad Callicott, Bobby Schmitz

Intramural Champions

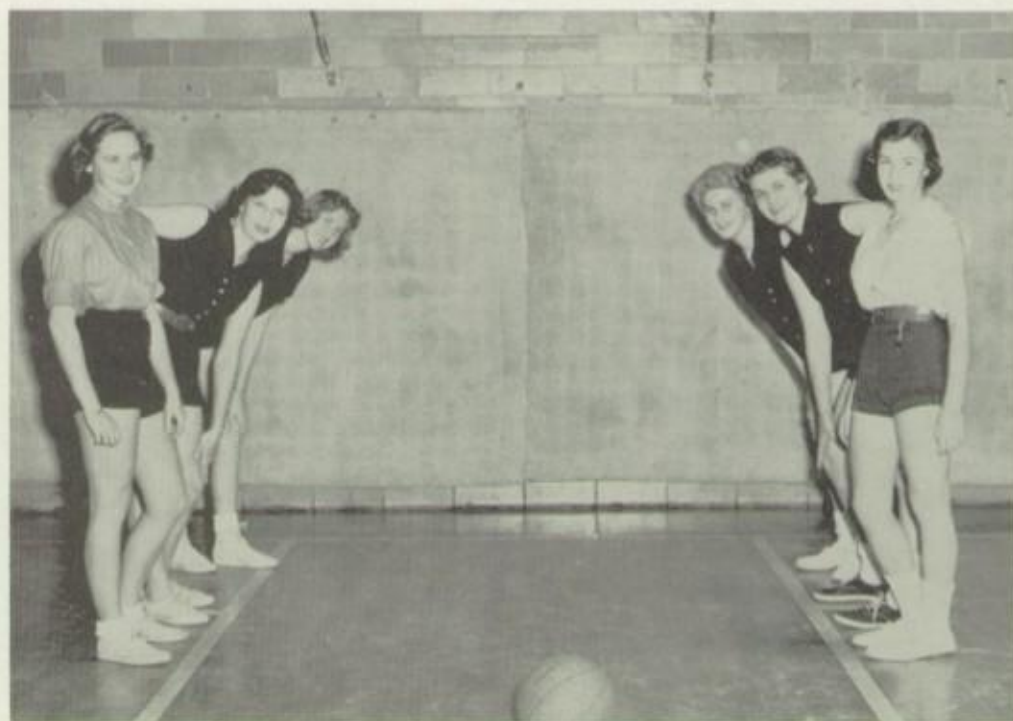


D. Noland, G. Adams, B. Gazaway
Bobby Schmitz, John Orman



Intramural Captains

N. Cartledge, L. Nelson, G. Zepponi
M. Woodall, N. Grattafiori, M. Furini



Intramural Champions

M. G. Coker, G. Zepponi, B. Garner
M. Kerstine, D. Ann Tackett, J. Hitt

All-Stars



Furini, Nelson, Garner, Cauthen, Longino
Rossie, Johnson, Butler, Grattafiori, Joiner

Intramural Basketball

Basketball for both boys and girls holds first place in the intramural program. The faculty - student games are highlights of the season.

"C" Club



OFFICERS

Composed of lettermen in all C.H.S. sports, the "C" Club sponsors dances and similar projects. Officers of the club are the following: Roland Maddox, *Secretary-Treasurer*; Bob Sisk, *President*; Neal Grantham, *Vice President*.

Baseball



Standing: Percy Kaigler, Eliot Cohen, Floyd Shankerman, Kenneth Hawes, Bob Sisk, Bob Hurt, Jerry Hawkins, Sam Campassi, Bobby McLaughlin. *Sitting:* Joel Williams, Leonard Lurie, Rudy Monty, William Ikerd, Billy Holley, Sherman Yates, Billy Gates, Eugene Simpson, Phil Miller.

Volleyball Captains



Dolores Rossie, Virginia Cauthen, Dibba Butler, Jackie Stanford, Patsy Johnson.



Girls' Intramural Sports

In addition to basketball, C.H.S. girls enjoy a varied intramural sports program including volleyball, badminton, ping-pong, and horseshoes.



Championship Volleyball Team



Patsy Miller, Mildred Kerstine, Martha Raye Floyd, Virginia Cauthen, Harriett Sorrells, Josephine Beard, Ann McCloud, Lillie Dell Regel.

Girls' Intramurals



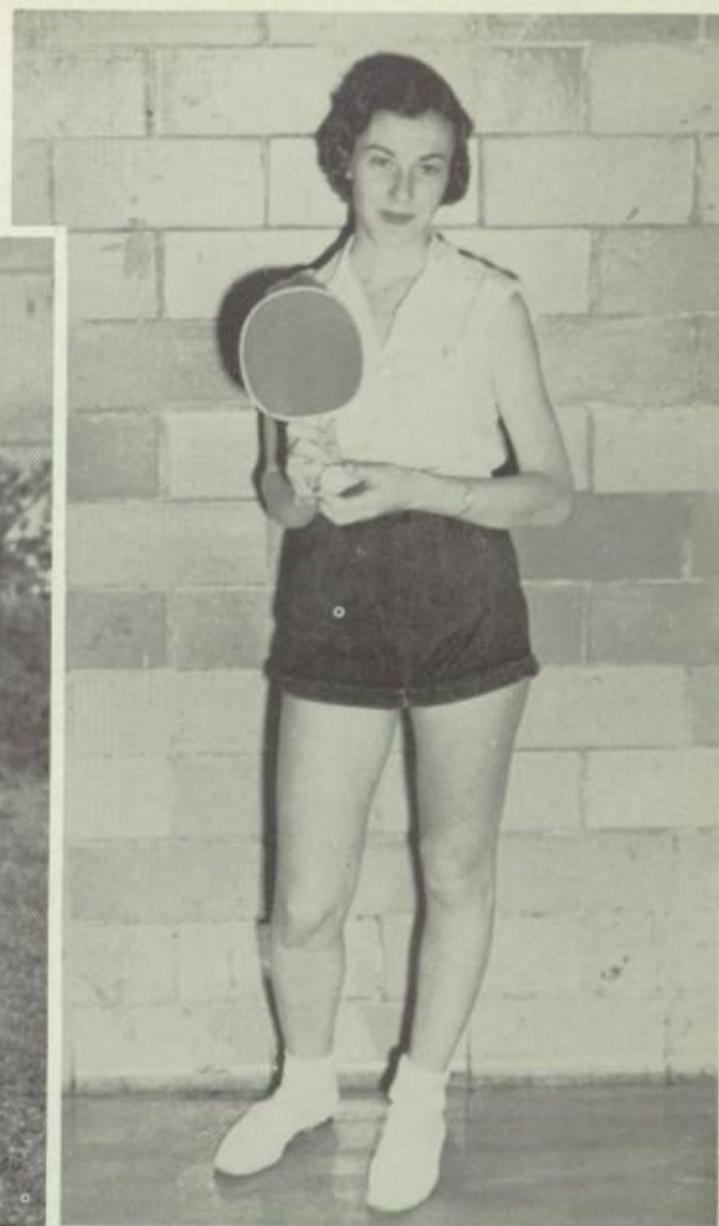
Badminton Champions

Anita Richardson, Faye Harris



Horseshoe Champion

Grace Holley



Ping-Pong Champion

Mildred Kerstine

G.A.A. LETTER GIRLS



Standing: Rosemary Gilbert, Dolores Rossie, Joyce Jose, Marion Hardy, Mildred Kerstine, Jeanette Crocker. *Kneeling:* Louise Spadini, Lillie F. Williams, Dibba Butler, Patsy Johnson, Mildred Furini.

Girls' Singles



Ann McCloud

Mary E. Cocke

Tennis

Boys' Singles



Jimmy McCloud

Dibba Butler

Girls' Doubles



At the Delta District tournament held in Cleveland, Ann McCloud defeated Greenville and lost to Inverness. After defeating Greenville, the boys' doubles—Dean Belk and Jimmy Kincade—were eliminated by Leland.

Boys' Doubles



Jimmy Kincade, Tom Fyfe

Charles Campassi, Jimmy McCloud

Mixed Doubles

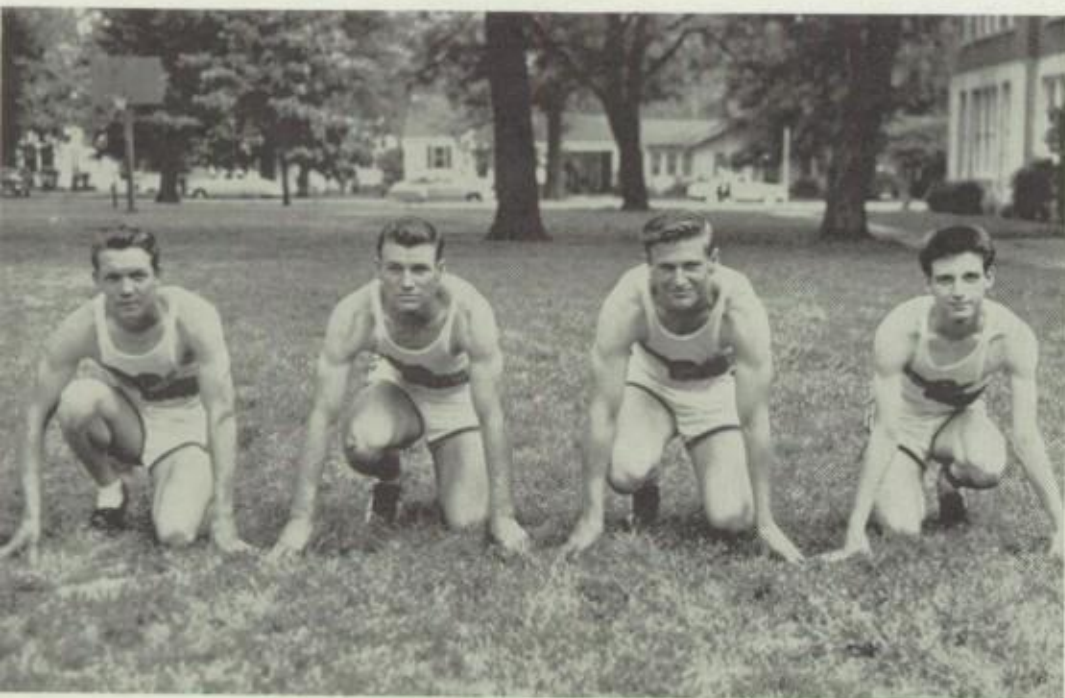


Dean Belk

Sarah Longino

Track

Sprints



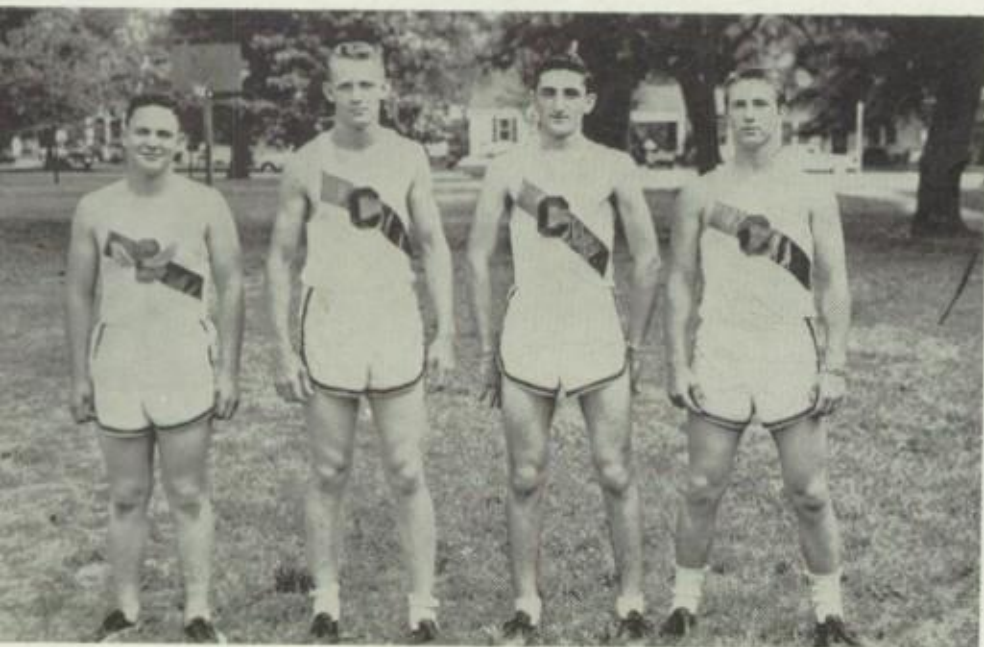
Joel Williams, Dan Foster, Billy Henderson,
Harris Alan Resnick.

Hurdles



Dan Foster, Woody Dabbs, Joel Williams.

Field



Charles Ivy, Kenneth Hawes, Edwin Antici,
John Orman!

Distance



Kneeling: C. Henderson, W. Herrin, T. Nicholas, J. Baird.
Standing: W. Dabbs, R. Maddox, F. Lentjes, B. Malone.

Girls' Golf Team



Ann Morris
Medalist



Edwynne Joiner, Marion Warfield
Harriet Dukes, Ann Morris

Big Eight champions for the fourth consecutive year — that was the record of the girls' golf team! For the third year in succession, the team claimed the medalist — Ann Morris succeeding Harriet Dukes, former medalist for two consecutive years.

Big 8 Champions



Music



C.H.S. students develop appreciation and love for music, which becomes a source of wholesome recreation during school life and in the future.

C.H.S. Band



WILLIAM L. GRAVES, JR.
*Director of Band and
Orchestra*

Since its organization by Mr. Simon Kooyman in 1926, the C.H.S. band has played a major role in the life of the school and community.

During the 1954-1955 school year, the C.H.S. band provided the half-time show for six home football games, participated in local and out-of-town parades and attended the state band contest, where it received ratings of 1, 2, and 3 for concert, marching, and sight reading, respectively. In the solo and ensemble division the saxophone and mixed clarinet ensembles received superior ratings.



MRS. CAROLYN DeGILIO
*Assistant Director of
Band and Orchestra*

Majorettes



Anne Corley, Jeanette Crocker, Paula McLaughlin, Marion Hardy, Gail Wood, Marie Woodall, Lacy Newton, Joye Smith, Tommie Teel, Diane Willmore, Kathleen Funk, Nancy Thomas.

Orchestra



Saxophone Quartet



Barbara Adams, Janie Adams,
Jeanette Crocker, Homer Greene

Clarinet Quartet



Jo Ann Ivy, Jackie Hambrick
Dorothy Evans, Bill Lowery

Lions' All-State Band



Gene Watson, Lacy Newton, James Foy, Homer Greene (not shown)

A Cappella Choir and Glee Club



MRS. MARY ELLEN WRIGHT
*Director of A Cappella
Choir and Glee Club*

Public school music or "sight singing" became a part of the curriculum in 1917-1918. The 1918 annual, THE DELTAN, pictured a Glee Club of 21 members. From these beginnings have grown our choral groups, including approximately 75 high school students.

The presentation of a Christmas program; participation in the Delta Choral Festival, in which the Girls' Ensemble received a Superior rating; and performances in assembly and at local civic clubs — these were the highlights of the current year for the A Cappella Choir and Girls' Glee Club. A select group of singers attended the State Festival, where June Pickle, soprano soloist, received an excellent rating.

Boys' Quartet

Gene Watson
James Foy
L. G. LaPlant, Jr.
Larry Jenkins



Girls' Ensemble



Peggy Mooney, June Pickle, Peggy Bornman, Patsy Willis, Gloria Ellis, and Gladys Cox sang at the Music Educators' Southern Conference in New Orleans. Enlivening the performance was a Spanish dance by Edwynne Joiner and Sarah Longino.



Piano Department



MISS MINNIE SHANNON
Acting Head of Piano Music
Piano Music Teacher



MISS ADA CHAPMAN
Director and Part-Time Teacher
Piano Music

Piano Students



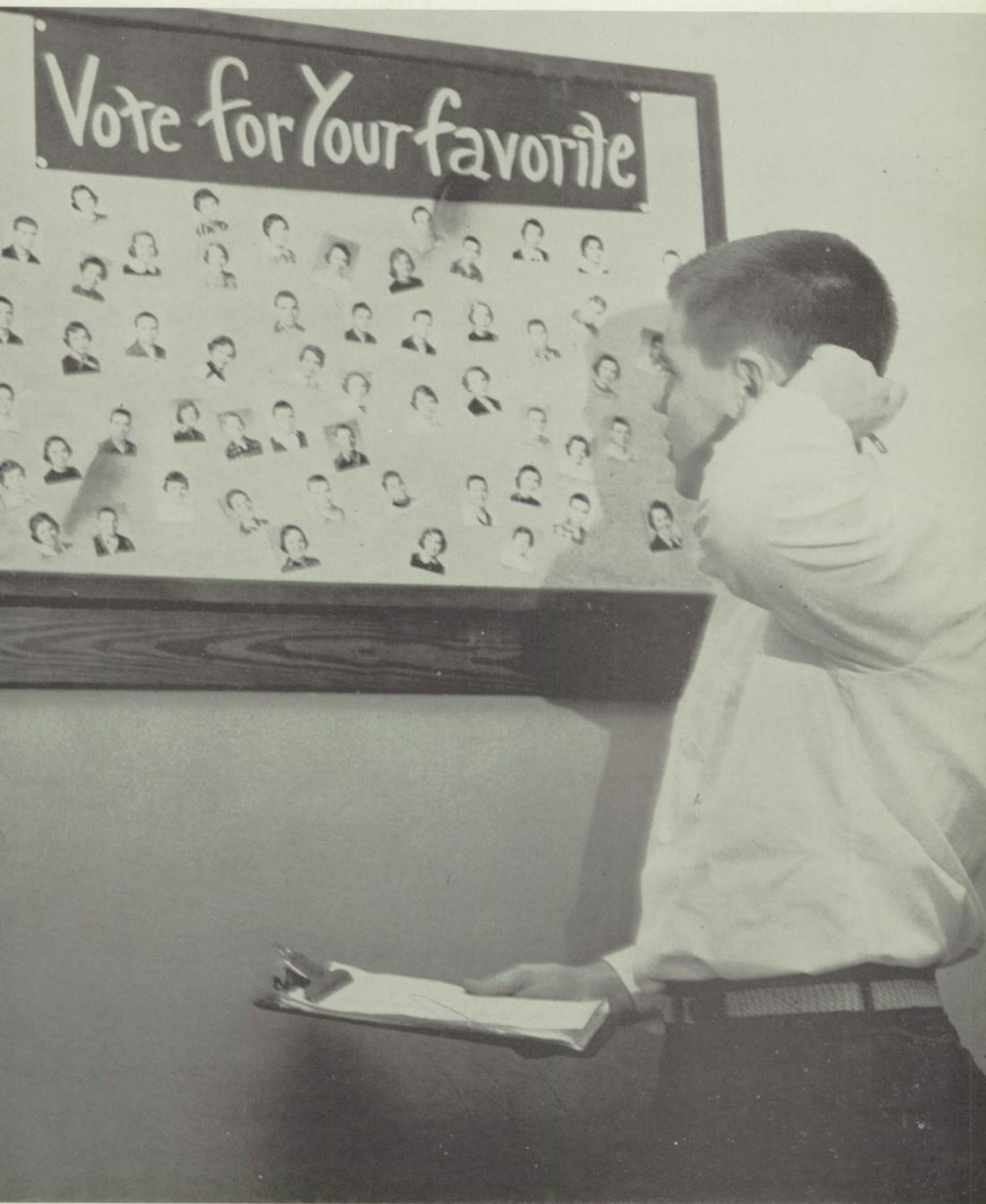
The piano department had its beginning in 1909 under the direction of Miss Ada Chapman.



BEVERLY GARNER

Piano students who participated in the District Festival in Cleveland earned two ratings of excellent and two of good: Beverly Garner—excellent; Janie Adams—excellent; Becky Baltzer and June Ellis—good; Peggy Ann Bornman—good. Beverly Garner, who entered the State Festival in Jackson, received a superior rating.

Who's Who



C.H.S. students recognize and pay tribute to outstanding achievement and special distinction.



Most Handsome
TOMMY THOMPSON

Most Beautiful
SISSY AUST



Most Popular
LOUISE NELSON
GEORGE FALLS, JR.



Friendliest

LOMBARD BURNS
HELEN HUNTER



Best Personality

PATSY SHELEY
HOLCOMB HECTOR



Most Versatile

JOE WASSON
GLADYS LEE COX



Most Athletic

PATSY JOHNSON
BOBBY RAY FRANKLIN

Wittiest

GEORGE LOONEY
CATHERINE CRISS



Most Talented
PEGGY ANN BORNMAN
HOMER GREENE

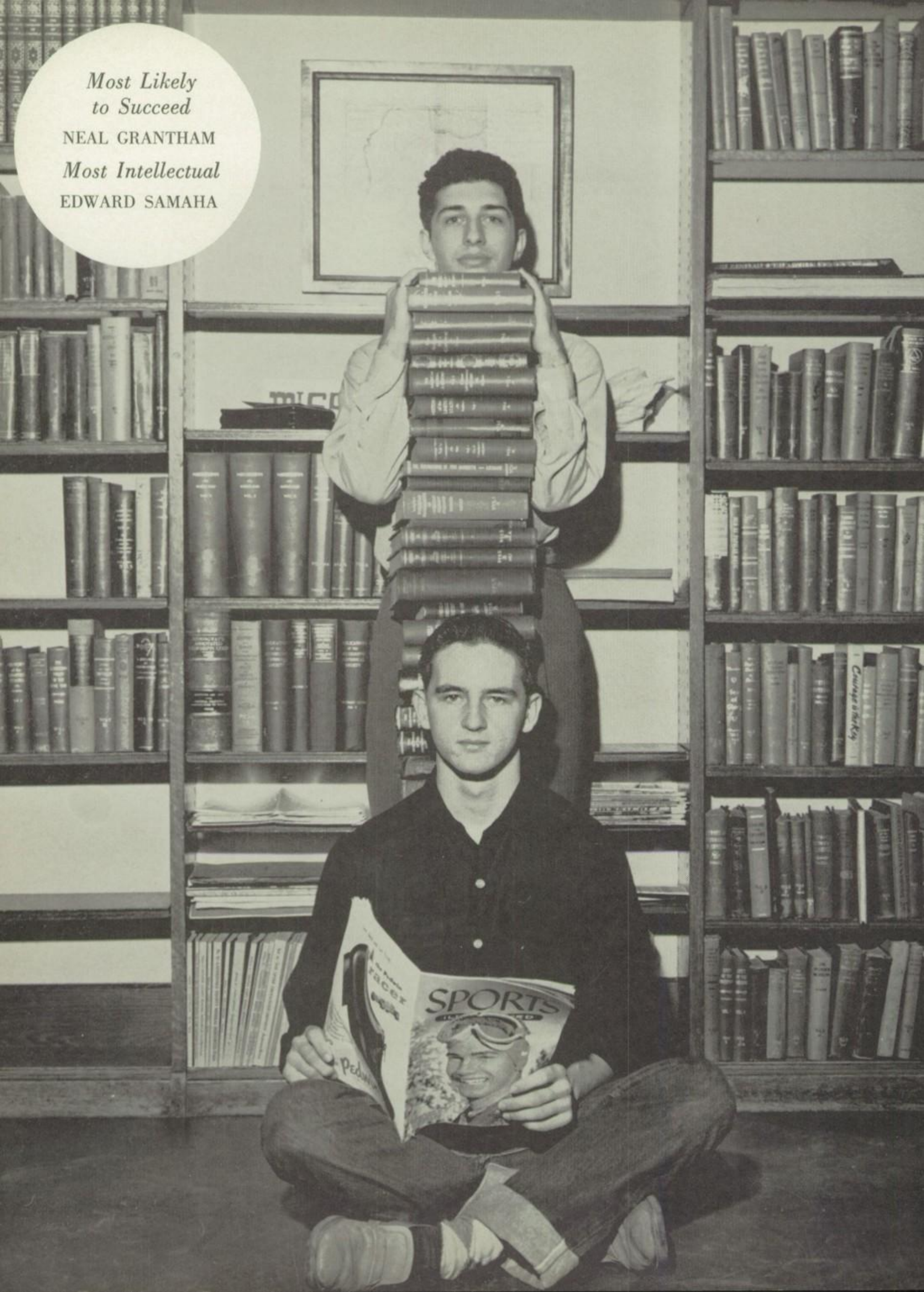


*Most Likely
to Succeed*

NEAL GRANTHAM

Most Intellectual

EDWARD SAMAHA



Most Typical

GARRY FALLS—Sophomore
HARRIET DUKES—Junior
BRADLEY CALLICOTT—Senior
BILLY WOOD—Freshman

Hall of Fame



LESLYE BALTZER

Members of the Hall of Fame are chosen by the SPOTLIGHT staff, journalism class, and advisors on the basis of the following requirements: four consecutive years' attendance in the Clarksdale high school, high scholastic average, pleasing personality, school spirit, and participation in school activities.



VIRGINIA BLACKBURN



NEAL GRANTHAM



HELEN HUNTER



EDWARD SAMAHA



BOB SISK

Good Citizenship Girl



PATSY SHELEY

Each year the D.A.R. and American Legion collaborate with the school in the selection of the Good Citizenship Girl and Good Citizenship Boy, respectively.

Good Citizenship Boy



GEORGE FALLS

Traditions

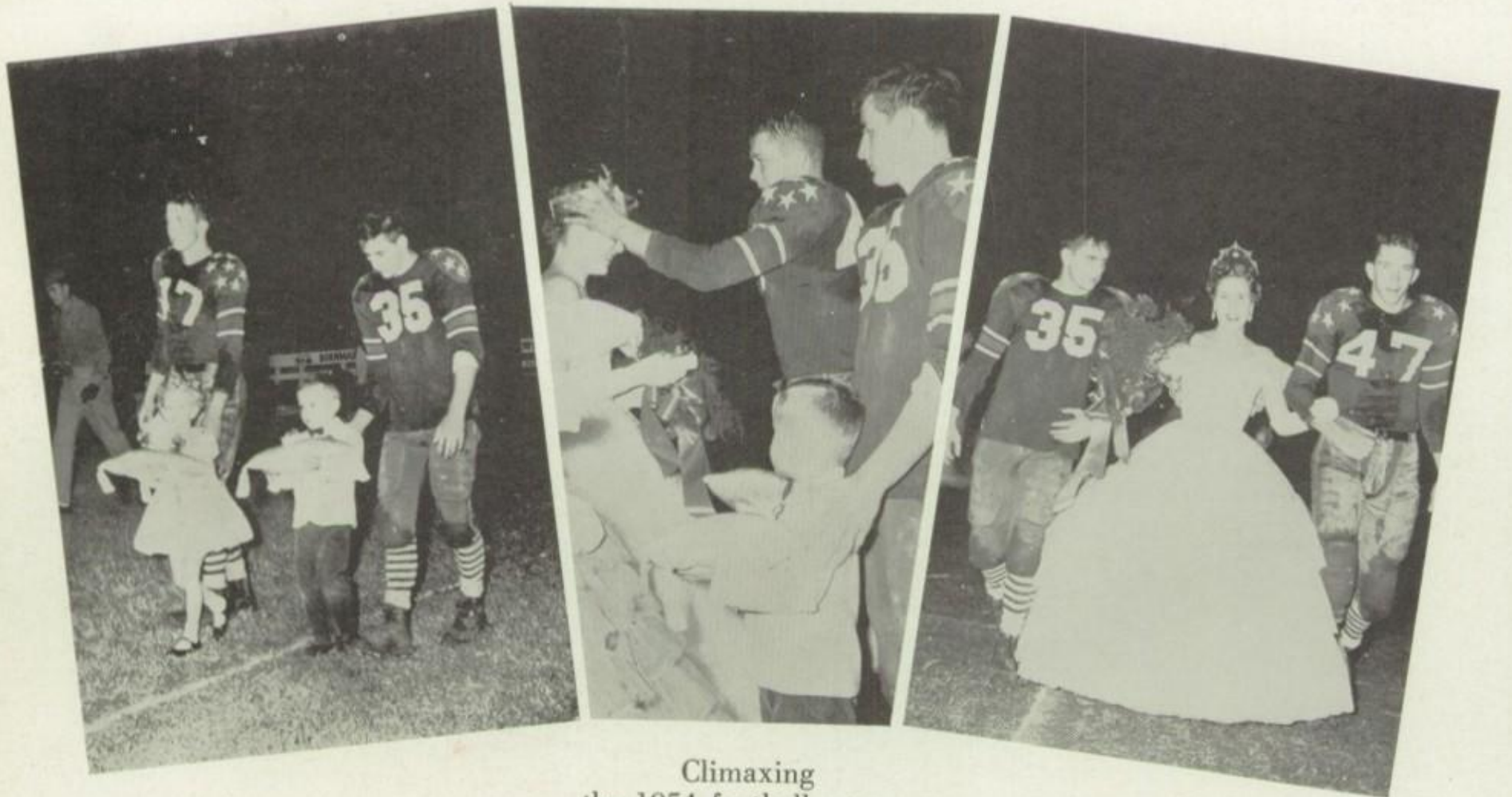


Growing dearer to our hearts with the passage of the years, certain events have become cherished traditions of our school.

Homecoming



Her Majesty . . . QUEEN LOUISE NELSON



Climaxing
the 1954 football season,
Louise Nelson was crowned Homecoming
Queen by Co-Captains Bob Sisk and Neal Grantham on Soldiers Field between
halves of the Clarksdale-Vicksburg game, November 5.

Members of her court were representatives from each high school class and Mike McDonald and Susan Smith, crown and gift bearers. Homecoming . . . an annual event since 1949 . . . was sponsored by the Presidents' Council.

Sophomore Float Easter



Freshman Float Halloween



Junior Float Christmas



On Friday afternoon, Queen Louise was honored with a spectacular parade highlighted by floats designed by each high school class, depicting four outstanding holidays. The C.H.S. Band and cheerleaders led the parade through crowded downtown streets.



Senior Float

Her Majesty's Court



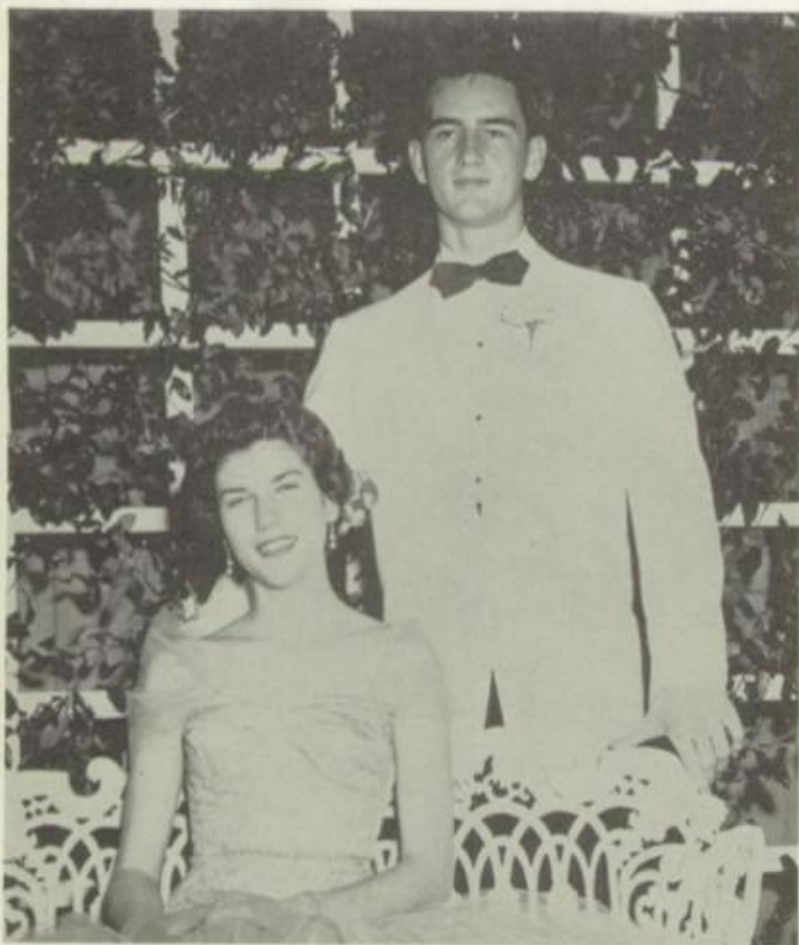
Sandra Jones, Joyce Dunn, Sarah Longino, Suzie Butler, Kathleen Day
Edwynne Joiner, Queen Louise Nelson, Sissy Aust (Maid of Honor)

Mr. and Miss C.H.S.



GEORGE FALLS—SISSY AUST

Other nominees—Louise Nelson, Bob Sisk, Helen Hunter, Neal Grantham—were members of the court. Charles Jackson and Susan Day, Mr. and Miss Junior High, acted as crown bearers. Entertainers chosen by the court presented a dance and music program.



HELEN HUNTER—NEAL GRANTHAM



LOUISE NELSON—BOB SISK

Sponsored by the SPOTLIGHT staff and journalism class, the election of Mr. and Miss C.H.S. has long been a favorite event among junior-senior high school students. In a beautiful and impressive ceremony, George Falls and Sissy Aust were crowned in assembly April 14 by Stella Martin and Billy Evans, staff members.

The Royal Court



STELLA MARTIN—BILLY EVANS



CHARLES JACKSON—SUSAN DAY

Entertainers



June Pickel, Peggy Mooney, Peggy Ann Bornman, Gladys Cox, Gloria Ellis, Patsy Willis, Edwynne Joiner, Marie Woodall, Joe Wasson, Raymond Giardina, James Foy, Homer Greene.

"Don't Take My Penny!"



Nancy Cartledge—*Lydia*; Jack Sherard—*Greg*; Neal Grantham—*Harrison Day*; Helen Hunter—*Joanna*; Virginia Blackburn—*Gram*; Jean Miller—*Elsie*; Edward Samaha—*Monsieur Henri*; Joe Wasson—*Caleb*; Eliot Cohen—*Red*; Ronnie Gregg—*Mark*; Anne Corley—*Penny*; Jennie Ruth Buhl—*Sally*; George Falls—*Kerry*; Patsy Sheley—*Mavis*; Bradley Callicott—*Norman Porter*; Sheri Richard—*Claire*; Sissy Aust—*Lucile*.

Following a tradition of long standing, the Senior Class presented its annual play, "Don't Take My Penny," a three-act comedy centering around a screen-struck teenager, on April 21 and 22 in the Elizabeth Dorr auditorium. The play was directed by Miss Kathlyn Shurley, aided by Patsy Binder and Louise Nelson as student directors.



"Mark, my dear, where are you going?"



"Out, out, darned spot . . ."



"Such lines did you ever see? Such chic!"



"My ideal Dimity West!"



"I was just trying to get out, mister!"



"Look, look! Nellie laid an egg!"



PATSY BINDER
Student Director



"Are you prepared to sacrifice? Are you prepared to suffer?" . . . "I am!"



LOUISE NELSON
Student Director

Band Queen



Her Majesty . . . Queen Anne Corley



Crowned by Gene Watson, captain of the band, Anne Corley reigned over the festivities at the annual band dance held at the City Auditorium on April 29. Her Majesty's attendants were Peggy Ann Bornman, Maid of Honor, Gloria Ellis, Jane Adams, Lacy Newton, Mildred Palmer, Jo Ann Ivy, Jeanette Crocker, and Jackie Hambrick.

Members of the Court were elected on the basis of school spirit, satisfactory scholastic standing, at least one year's previous attendance at C.H.S., some interest in music, and other admirable qualities such as loyalty, dependability, co-operation, and friendliness.

The Band Auxiliary gave a breakfast party for the members of the band and their dates at the Country Club.



WAYNE MONTY—ANNE CORLEY

Court



Lacy Newton, Jo Ann Ivy, Jackie Hambrick, Maid of Honor Peggy Ann Bornman, Gloria Ellis, Jeanette Crocker, Mildred Palmer, Janie Adams.

Junior-Senior Banquet



"Toyland" was the theme for the Junior-Senior banquet Friday night, May 13, in Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church. In the role of an elf, Mildred Kerstine introduced the "dolls," who danced and sang for the entertainment of seniors, juniors, sponsors, administration, and Board of Trustees.



"Sailor Dolls"



"Pickaninny Dolls"



"Lullaby of Broadway"



"Paris Pretties"



"Davy Dolls"



"Baby Dolls"



Graduation Dance

Climaxing the commencement activities, the graduation dance was a gala event! Clusters of balloons in the senior class colors, gold and white, adorned the City Auditorium, where the graduates and their friends danced to the music of the Red Tops.



Snapshots



Informal events, good times with friends and classmates, parties, trips—these, too, blend with our school experiences and become happy memories of our school days.



"Can't ya smile?"



"Rip and Rex."



"Step right in."



"Check those knees."



"Any resemblance between Jimmy and a frog is purely coincidental."



"I'm so cute."



"Ain't he sweet?"



"Lose something?"



"The Tomboy club!"



"Why do they call him LITTLE Jack?"

"Always smiling!"



"Perfect couple."



"Bob's little bitty buddy."



"Ready for a heavy date."



"Pretty maids all in a row."



"Why so glum, Louise?"

"Why that smug look, Patsy?"

"Porter, you haven't changed a bit."



"That innocent look."



"Playmates!"



"Wild Ben Rader!"



"We're loyal to you, Lake Lure Camp."



"Way back when...."



"Walking our babies back home."



"Who got your fellow, Jean?"



"But where's the team?"



"Step lively now."



"Well, really now, Gail!"



"Sitting pretty."



"Hungry?"



"Sleep? What's that?"



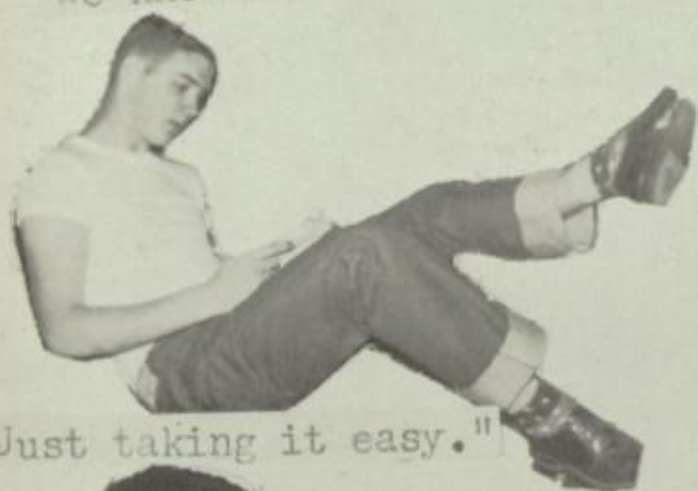
"We know about those band trips!"



"Two of a kind."



"Check those hoods."



"Just taking it easy."



"Big Dave!"



"What's wrong, Brad-"



"Where'd that band come from, Gloria?"



"Cut that out, Stick!"

"can't you stand up?"



"Watch those figures, girls."



"Whatcha see, Joyce?"



"Really, darling."



"Smiling Sam Greene!"



"Best buddies."



"Anyone for potato chips?"



"Sweets for the sweet."



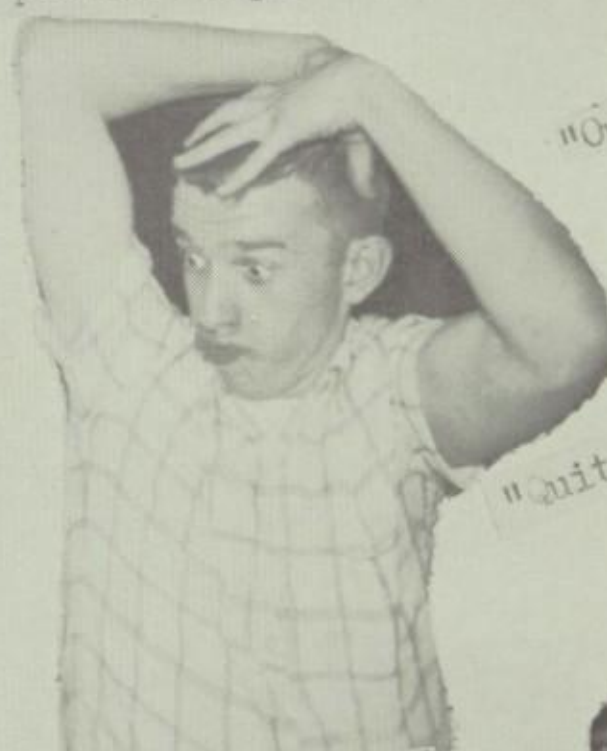
"Reckon anybody can eat it?"



"Out on a limb?"



"Tired but happy."



"Wot'a? Wot'a?"



"Quit pulling my leg!"



"Who're you looking at?"



"For the pause that refreshes..."



"Ladies' man!"



"Who's holding the mirror?"

Editors' Message



STELLA MARTIN

PATSY SHELEY

Serving as the editors of the 1955 WILDCAT has truly been an experience we shall never forget. As the final pages are completed, the many hours of hard work are forgotten and all that remains is a feeling that each hour and each sacrifice was well worth our time.

On behalf of the entire staff and the senior class, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to each person who has, in some way, made this annual possible—especially the advertisers for their cheerful and generous financial backing.

May the 1955 WILDCAT serve as a record of pleasant memories spent in C.H.S. and at the same time, promote a greater appreciation for the advantages offered by Clarksdale High School. It is our earnest hope that this annual will inspire greater achievements and continued progress in the years to come!

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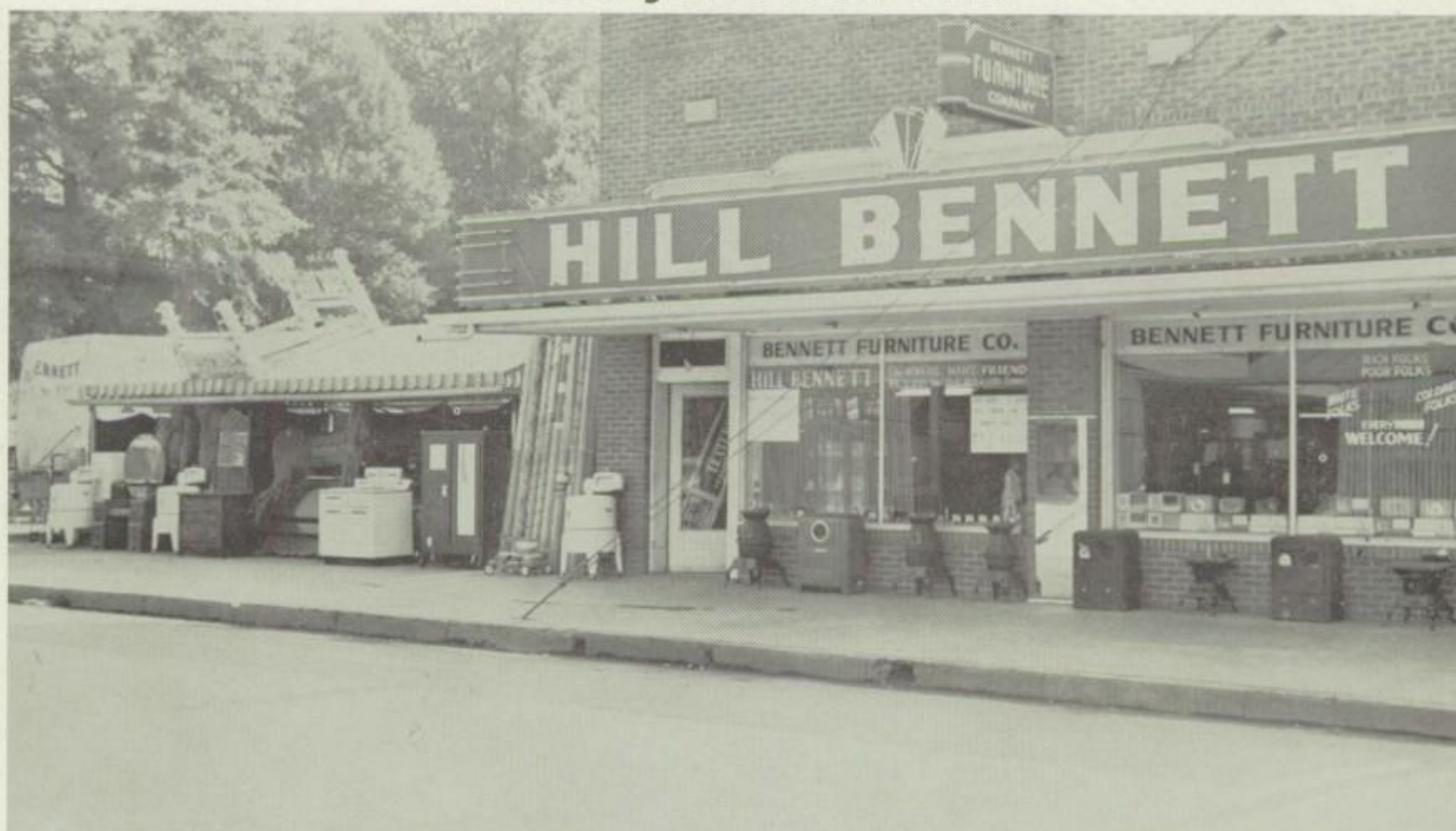
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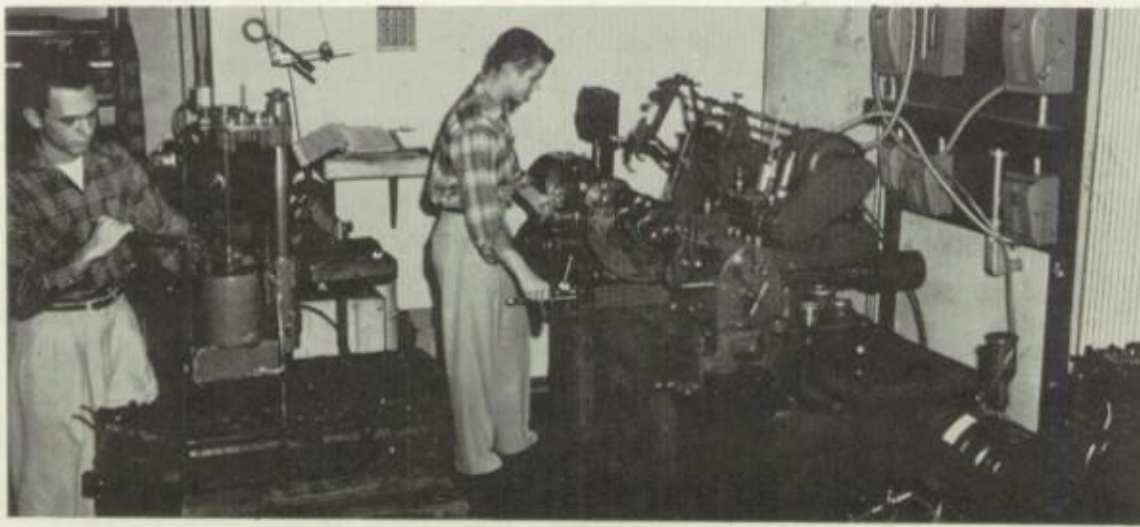
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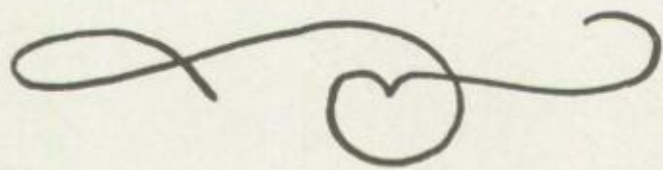
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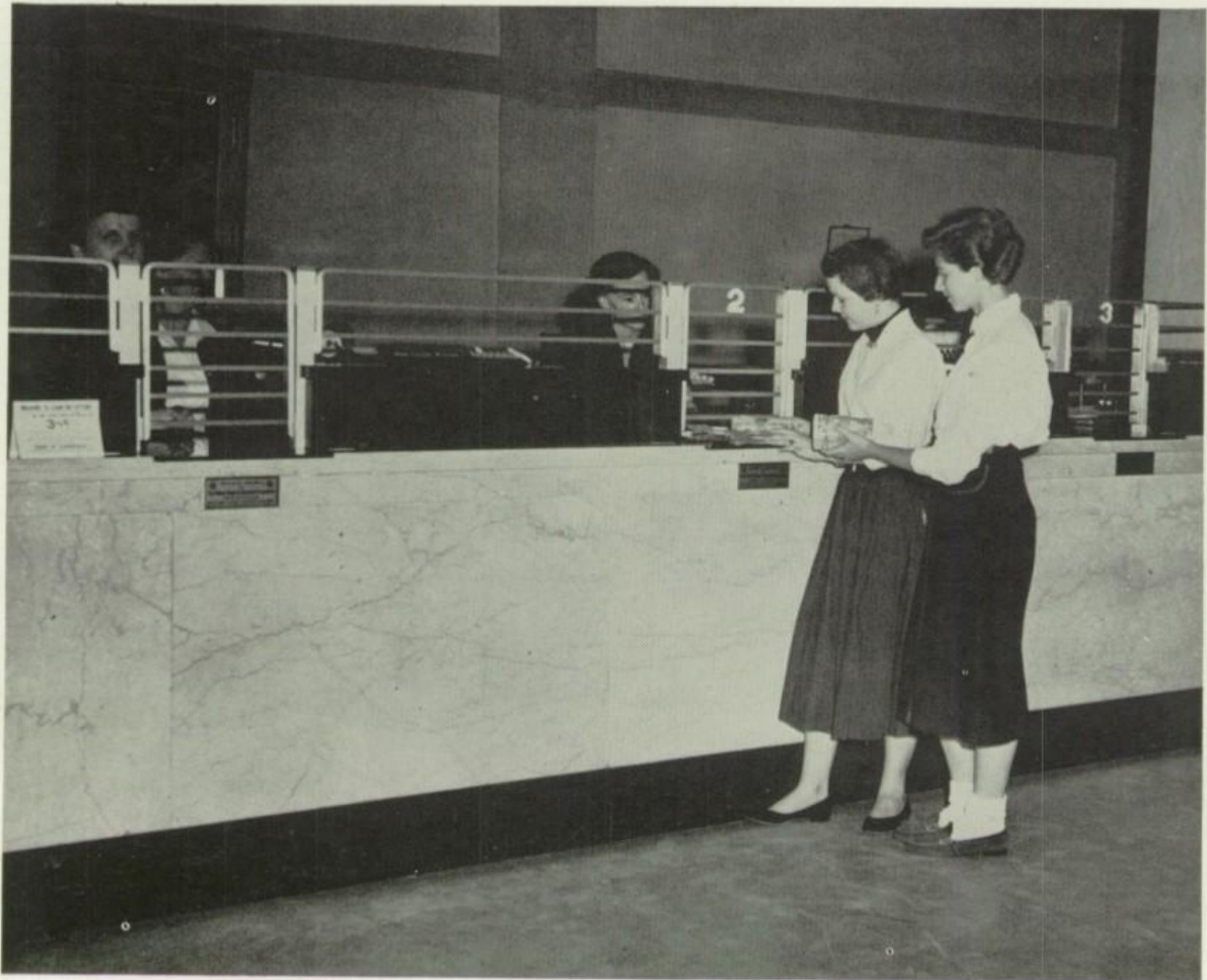


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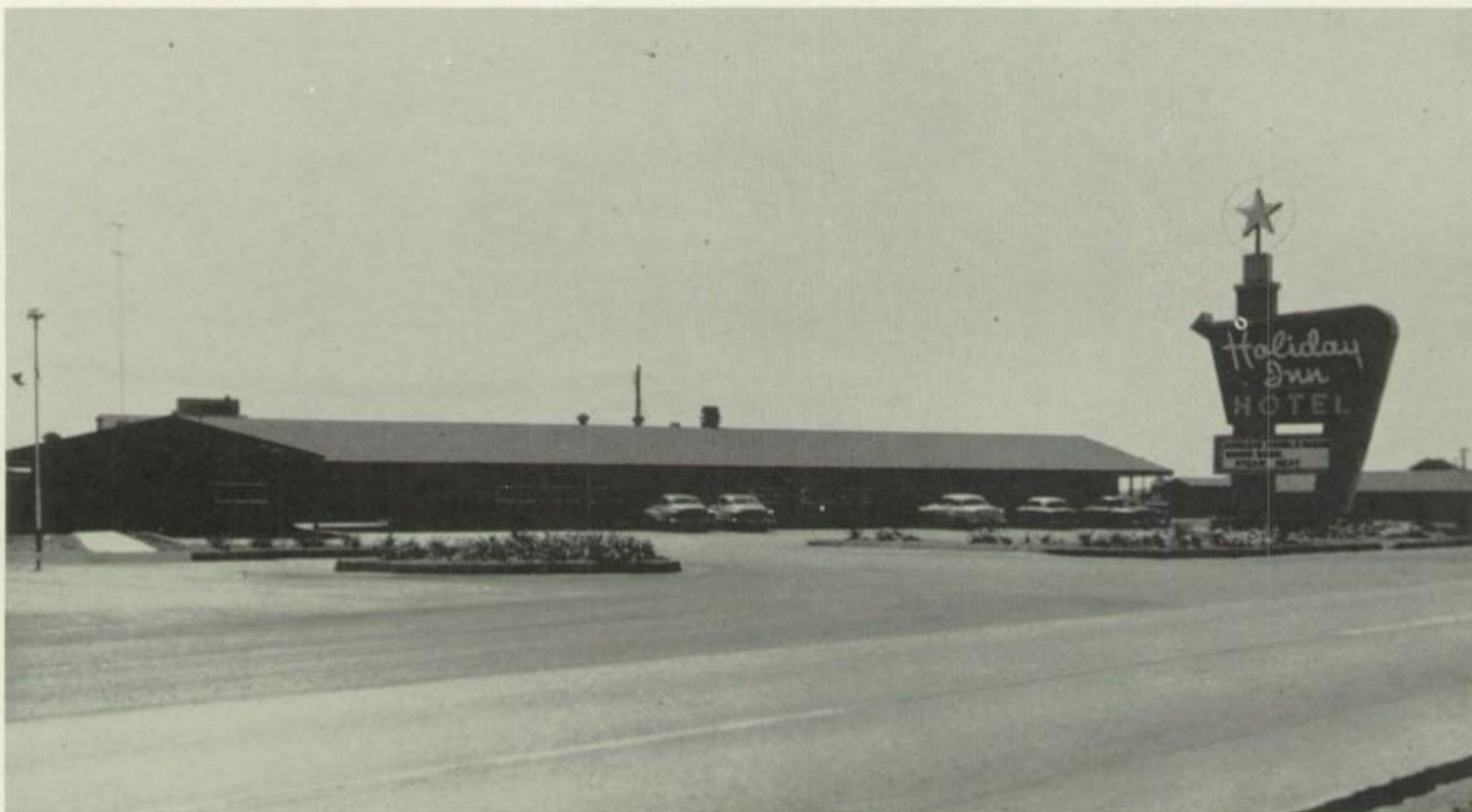
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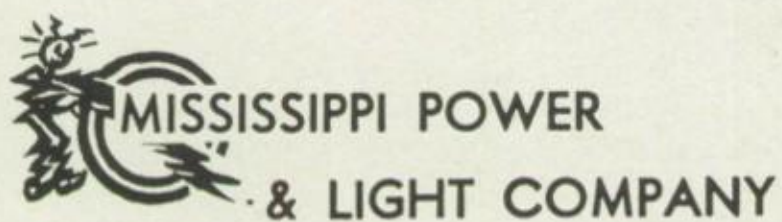
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Becky

20 a good girl
Mary

Dear Susanne,
Sure hope we have as great a time this year as last!
Love always to
a wonderful girl,
Mary Helen
(But But)

Dear Susanne,
We sure have had a lot of fun in our Freshman year and I wish I was going to be here during all of the soph-year.
Lots of love and the best
Always
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Dear Susanne,
you know I can't even think of anything real cute & interesting so here goes on a boring letter -
20 a real sweet girl - all the luck you could possibly get and all the love you deserve -

Love,
Mary Helen
(But But)

Dear Susanna
We have had
loads of fun this
year. I hope we
stay as sweet as you
are now & you will have
of friends
love & luck always
to a great friend
To a great friend
later of luck in the
following year
for
Let's have to a
great year!
Gilly

So a great girl,
Johnny

Dear Susanna,
I wish you the
best of luck in
high school!
Love you!
Missy

Dear Susanna,
Best of luck
always to a real darling
girl & a wonderful
friend. I've heard about
a fine fabulous trip
to Jackson. WOW!
You're a great girl &
it's been wonderful
just knowing you.
Love always,
Dad

P.S. Hope you can
read this.

Peter Ritch

Dear Susanna,
Don't forget last
year, and here's
hoping the next
three will be as
great! Love always,
Betty.

Johnny

Dear Suzanne,

I'm honored to be the first
one to write on this page. Hope
you have a swell time this coming
year - after about the first six
weeks of school.

Love always,
Lola

